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## Family Wiped Out In Fire

Manila, Dec. 17. A family of five were burned to death in a fire in the Santa Mesa district Manila, early this morning. The fire started at 3 a.m. gutting two houses, damaging three others and causing a loss of 50,000 pesos.

The entire family of five were wiped out in the house where the fire originated, including a 64-year-old woman and a three-year-old child.

The cause of the fire is so far unknown but it is presumed that an automobile parked under the house caught fire thus causing the conflagration. —France-Press.

## OIL DISPUTE

## Latest Move By Persia

Teheran, Dec. 16. Persia moved today to stop temporarily the International Court's hearing of the oil dispute with Britain.

The Persian Government cabled its Minister at The Hague, Hossein Nassiri, to ask the International Court of Justice to postpone for 30 days the hearing of the British complaint against Persia in the oil issue.

Britain insisted proceedings against the Persian Government on May 26.

On July 5 the Court upheld a British request for interim measures ordering a "freeze" to Persian oil nationalisation until the Court reached decision on its competence to deal with the dispute.

Four days after Persia withdrew its recognition of the Court's right to impose obligatory judgments.

On November 27, however, the Persian Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammad Mosaddeq, said that he was prepared to go to The Hague for the hearings of the case.

Persia is due to send her reply to the Court to Britain's memorandum on the case by January 10. —Reuter.

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

## Co-Operation The Answer

GENERAL Eisenhower, in his address last Saturday to the 12 North Atlantic nations rearmament planners struck a more definitely optimistic note concerning the future ability of the Western Powers to withstand armed aggression. When he talked to the NATO military chiefs in Rome a fortnight ago he was only prepared to say that the Atlantic forces in Europe could, already, if attacked, give a gallant account of themselves. In Paris, last week, he went much further and declared that "we shall soon reach a point (in military preparedness) where it would be senseless to attack the West." What he did not make clear in Paris was whether he was still insisting on the immediate creation of a European Army, to include German units. This ambitious scheme has met with considerable opposition. There is not, and really never has been, any possibility of Britain's joining. Her Army is quite ready to serve under General Eisenhower, as it served under him in the last war. It will serve devotedly, but always without merging its identity, with its own recruiting, its own training, its own organisation, all controlled by its own General Staff and its own Parliament. The idea of the European Army, as planned by M. Plevin, the French Premier, negates all that; its soldiers are not to be French or German or British, but "European"; it is of the plan's essence that the nation from which a soldier is drawn should not have him in any way at its disposal. The project originated in an attempt to reconcile opposite claims. America claimed that Germans should take part in defending their country. The Germans claimed that, if they served, it must be on equal footing with the troops of other nations. The French

claimed they could not consent to reconstituting a German Army. Then the Plevin Plan was put forward as a compromise: there should be German soldiers, but no German Army; and to satisfy their claim to an equal status the French would join the European Army too. But the obvious flaw in the arrangement was that since there was to be equality of status, the European Army, if it prevented the existence of a German Army, must prevent that of a French Army. Vice versa, if the French Army existed in spite of it, a German one would also exist in spite of it, and the pretended safeguard would be worthless. Observers also feel there is considerable ambiguity about General Eisenhower's demand for "intensive effort towards European unity." If by unity is meant the closest possible military and diplomatic co-operation, most thoughtful Britons will warmly agree with the proposal. But if General Eisenhower formerly entertained the common American fallacy, that some useful parallel can be drawn between the nations of Europe and the States of North America in 1788, then it can only be hoped that by this time his European experience has taught him more realism. The need of the West European nations is for very close co-operation with each other and with the United States. They need it primarily for defence, but they also need it no less in the economic sphere. Machinery for co-operation is being steadily and skilfully developed, and it would be foolish to allow attention from this task to be distracted by the visionary pursuit of will-o-the-wisps like "federation." History presents no example of the federation of nation-states, but a hundred examples of their salvation by alliance.

## LATEST CANAL ZONE INCIDENT

## BRITISH PATROL CLASHES WITH TERRORISTS

Cairo, Dec. 16.

Hitting back today with two-inch mortars after Egyptians had fired on their armoured car, a British patrol was believed to have killed two of their attackers, a British military spokesman said here.

No Britons were wounded in the clash, which started when the patrol—men of the 4th/7th Dragoons—stopped to investigate damage to a cable which had been cut near the junction of the Cairo-Ismailia Road.

The mortars dispersed the Egyptians who had fired from behind an embankment.

This was the only incident in a quiet day in the Suez Canal Zone. But in Cairo the leader of the powerful Moslem Brotherhood — its property and funds restored by Government order last night — called on his 500,000 Egyptian followers to step up the campaign against the British.

The Brotherhood was banned in Egypt in January, 1949, as "a serious threat to public security and order." An international political organisation with military branches and a strong nationalist policy, it had been accused of terrorism in Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries.

## REPORT DENIED

The British military authorities in Cyprus tonight issued a flat denial of Egyptian report that two Cypriot workers who had volunteered for work in the Suez Canal Zone had been shot by British troops there.

The Egyptian report claimed that an incident had occurred when a group of 27 Cypriot workers were fired on by British troops when trying to escape from Acabuya camp in the Canal Zone.

A statement by the British military authorities here described the entire story as being absolutely without foundation and said no Cypriot workers had been involved in any incident in the Canal Zone.

The number of Cypriot workers in the Zone is estimated at about 1,000.

Circles close to the Foreign Office in London today put emphasis on the seriousness of accusations raised by the British Government against certain elements of Egyptian Police in

the latest British note to Egypt in connection with the incidents which occurred at Ismailia on November 17 and 18.

The same circles stressed that the British note insisted on the premeditated character of the incidents which cost the lives of four British officers and two British soldiers.

The word "murder" was added, as mentioned several times in the note—France-Press.

## PARIS MEETING

Farag Pasha, the Acting Egyptian Foreign Minister, told reporters after a Cabinet meeting here today that the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden would meet the Foreign Minister of Egypt, Salah el Din Pasha, in Paris tomorrow on Tuesday.

A British Embassy spokesman said that he had no knowledge of any such move.

The Egyptian Cabinet today reviewed developments in the Anglo-Egyptian crisis since it decided last Tuesday to recall the Ambassador in London, Amir Pasha.

Ministers heard a report by the Acting Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Farag Pasha, on his numerous talks with the American Ambassador, Mr. Jefferson Caffery, during the last 10 days.

Mr. Caffery, reported to be "actively exploring" a way out of the Anglo-Egyptian impasse, last saw Farag Pasha yesterday.

The Egyptian Cabinet today approved a draft decree amending the official Seal of State to read "Egypt and The Sudan" instead of "Egyptian State" in line with its claim to sovereignty over the Sudan following Egypt's abrogation of the agreement for joint Anglo-Egyptian government there.—Reuter and AFP.



The Earl of Perth, formerly Sir Eric Drummond, first Secretary-General of the League of Nations and a leading British Liberal, died at Regate, Hampshire on Saturday night at the age of 75. Lord Perth entered the British Foreign Office in 1900 and held a number of Government posts before he was appointed Secretary-General to the League of Nations in 1919.

## 56 Die In Plane Crash

## CHILDREN AMONG THE VICTIMS

Elizabeth, New Jersey, Dec. 16.

A burning non-scheduled airliner crashed into two vacant buildings in Elizabeth's residential district today, killing 56 persons in the nation's worst air accident this year.

The plane zoomed over the rooftops of the heavily-populated residential area, sheared off the top of a three-story house, then rammed into a brick and stone warehouse.

The fiery wreckage skidded down a slope to the Elizabeth River, trapping those not killed by the impact inside the flaming fuselage. The twin-engine Miami Air Lines craft

## BABES IN ARMS

The dead included four children, two of them babes in arms, 48 adult passengers and four crewmen, according to an Elizabeth detective, Captain August Winklemann.

Most of the passengers were believed to have been Puerto Ricans going home for Christmas.

By 11.15 p.m. GMT 38 bodies had been counted. Identification was difficult because they were badly burned. The police said it might take all night to recover them all as some were buried under tons of debris from the wrecked waterworks.

Eric Smith, public relations director for the Air Coach Transport Association, said the crash was the first fatal accident of a non-scheduled plane in 28 months.—United Press.

## COLD SNAP CLAIMS 117 LIVES

Chicago, Dec. 16.

Some of the worst early winter cold in history numbed the country east of the Rocky Mountains today but showed signs of abating.

Week-end snowstorms and bone-chilling air from the Arctic claimed 117 lives, including 37 in traffic mishaps and 80 heart attacks from over-exertion.

The mercury sank to record sub-zero lows throughout much of the northern part of the cold area while Dixie shivered in frigid weather as far south as New Orleans and Jacksonville, Florida.

In the cold, suffering was widespread, but Des Moines and other Central Iowa towns took the worst beating when an electrical flash knocked out the Iowa Power and Light Company plant at Des Moines for over three hours. Hundreds of house-holders in Des Moines and smaller towns woke up to chilly homes with their furnace blowers knocked out.

United States weather forecasters gave a "not quite so cold" forecast for late today and tomorrow as much of the cold area.—United Press.

# Lyttelton Would Like HK's Police Chief In Malaya

## Impressed By Efficiency Of Colony's Force

From KENNETH MACAULEY

Singapore, Dec. 16.

If it were possible Mr Oliver Lyttelton would like to import Hongkong's Police Commissioner, Mr Duncan MacIntosh, to Malaya to lead the fight against the bandits. But Mr MacIntosh has already postponed his retirement once and it may not be possible to transfer this police officer—"one of the crown jewels of the Colony" Mr Lyttelton calls him—to undertake what may be a difficult job of reorganisation.

It is certain, however, that some of his senior officers will be sent to Malaya for training operations. One of their most urgent tasks will be to restore a greater feeling of confidence in the Police among the front line planters and tin miners up-country.

My Lyttelton was most impressed by the smooth but taut efficiency of the Hongkong Police and by Mr MacIntosh's success in training Chinese officers, NCOs and men.

## Exchange Of War Prisoners

## UN Concession May Be Final

Munsan, Dec. 17.

The United Nations High Command has made what appears to be its final concession to the Reds on exchange of war prisoners.

This compromise was dropping a previous demand that it was necessary to inspect prisoner camps behind the Communist lines before discussion of prisoner exchange could begin.

However, Rear-Admiral R. E. Lobb told the Communists the United Nations wasn't backing down on its stand that it would refuse to talk about release of any prisoners until the Reds hand over a complete list of the Allied troops they now hold.

A United Nations report released at Lake Success said it was believed 8,000 American soldiers had been murdered. If this is true there would be 4,000 United States soldiers still held as prisoners of the Reds.

Approximately 2,000 more United Nations soldiers are listed as missing in action. The Republic of Korea Department of Defence has said about 89,000 ROK soldiers are missing.

## NOT ULTIMATUM

Making it clear that discussion of prisoners exchange could not begin until the Communists handed over their list wasn't an "ultimatum" the official United Nations spokesman said. "No, it was not an ultimatum," but he added there would not be any further backing down.

The Joint Communists and United Nations Sub-Committee trying to find a solution to the problem of prisoner exchange adjourned yesterday (Sunday) until 11 a.m. today (Monday).

Also meeting at the same hour will be the Joint Sub-Committee attempting to solve the armistice enforcement issue.

Major-General Howard M. Turner, who heads the United Nations group on this Committee said after yesterday's meeting that not even a micrometer could measure the progress made.

The Communists continued to pursue blanket acceptance of their last proposal which limited rotation of United Nations troops to 8,000 per month and agreed to armistice supervision by joint control.

The proposal was rejected in toto by the United Nations because it did not ban airfield construction, permit reconnaissance or define ports of entry.—Associated Press.

In Mr Lyttelton's report which he is now preparing at Kuala Lumpur he will firmly refuse to increase repressive measures to force the Chinese to take a more active part in beating the terrorists. It is known that when he met the rulers of the three States they urged the only solution was to multiply the troops in the danger areas and to deport, if necessary, up to half a million disaffected Chinese.

Mr Lyttelton refused. He believes that if Hongkong can be welded into a happy and strikingly prosperous community, in spite of a materials embargo, by good government and efficient policing the same can be done in Malaya.

The urgency of the terrorist situation in Malaya has decided Mr Churchill to lose no time in announcing the appointment of a Supreme Commander after Mr Lyttelton's return to England at the end of this week.

The name is being kept secret while the Minister is here. The choice was made by Mr Churchill and the suitability of the one chosen has been confirmed by Mr Lyttelton on the spot.

There is no doubt at all that the Minister is determined to make drastic and sweeping changes to get swift, effective action against the terrorists. New men and new methods will be used and in Mr Lyttelton's words "in this jungle war the terrorists haven't seen anything yet."

Mr Lyttelton believes that the need for constant consultations between the civil and military authorities prevents swift and urgent action. Liaison, Mr Lyttelton has been heard to say, leads to lack of responsibility and decision.

The job of Sir Rob Lockhart, who co-ordinates operations, is likely therefore to be abolished and the Supreme Commander is expected to take over the dual role of High Commissioner and Commander-in-Chief. —London Express Service.

## CHINESE FORCE?

Singapore, Dec. 16. The question of raising a Chinese force in Malaya to join the anti-bandit war is expected to be raised with the British Government by Officer Administrator of the Government of the Federation of Malaya, Mr M. V. Deltore, when time is considered opportune for such a move, according to a report in the local newspaper, the Singapore Standard.

Hope of such a move became stronger today following a conference between the British Secretary for State for Colonies, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, and the Malayan rulers this morning immediately after Mr Lyttelton's arrival at the Kuala Lumpur State airport.

The specific question of raising a Chinese regiment in Malaya to help other forces in the fight against Communists was not brought up at the conference but, it is likely that formation of a Chinese force will result from recent talks between Mr Lyttelton and the Malayan Chinese Association representatives and Malay rulers, the report added. "It was agreed at these talks that more local forces should be employed to fight against Communists."

According to a report in a Malay language newspaper, Mr Lyttelton agreed with Malay rulers' demand that a successor should be appointed to the slain High Commissioner, Sir Henry

Gurney, with two deputies dealing with civil and military administration.

Mr Lyttelton said he had come to Kuala Lumpur to tie up a few loose ends in Malaya.

## QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 16. The British Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, and rulers or representatives of nine Malay States in the Federation discussed here today questions relating to the appointment of an overall commander for the campaign against Communist terrorists.

It was learned that the conference agreed in principle to the proposals which Mr Lyttelton will make to the British Cabinet when he returns to London this week.

The Colonial Secretary, who is now working on the body of the report of his lightning tour of South-East Asia, expects to fly to Kelantan on Malaya's east coast before returning to Singapore to catch a plane for London.—Reuter.

## MALAYA'S TAX COLLECTIONS

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 15. The total collections from income tax in the Federation for 1951 will reach nearly \$8100,000,000 (\$21,705,000), Mr M. V. Del Tufo, Officer Administering the Government, told the Federal Legislative Council.

Singapore's income tax revenue for this year is estimated to be \$550,000,000.—Reuter.

## Poisoning Scare

Montpellier, Dec. 16. The little Southern French town of Pont St. Esprit, where five people died and about 200 were seriously ill after eating "poisoned bread" last August, was tense with anxiety tonight after persistent rumours that bread was again poisoning its population.

Ten people were reported to be sick with minor stomach ailments with some symptoms resembling the disease which struck the town last August.

The police and health authorities today took samples of bread and flour to the university laboratory here. They refused to make a statement. Officials said that none of the 10 sick was seriously ill and that only one person had been confined to bed.—Reuter.

## What Eden & Churchill Will Discuss

Paris, Dec. 16.

The British Prime Minister, Mr Winston Churchill, and his Foreign Secretary, Mr Anthony Eden, are expected to give priority consideration to the explosive Middle Eastern situation during their discussions with French officials on Monday and Tuesday, it was learned today.

Informed sources indicated that the British statesmen would find strong support from the French government for a firm, imaginative Middle Eastern policy. Mr Churchill is expected to review Middle Eastern policy in the light of these discussions during his conferences with President Truman in Washington early next month.

There is a sense of urgency for pacification of the Middle East and early settlement of the conflict there. The Western countries are well aware of the highly explosive situation and its potentialities in the view of the sources, has reached a stage where negotiations or mediation alone cannot provide an adequate solution.

Diplomats suggest, instead, that a firm policy, fully backed by the United States, should be formed and be combined with a bold scheme for economic development, to make it attractive and effective.—United Press.

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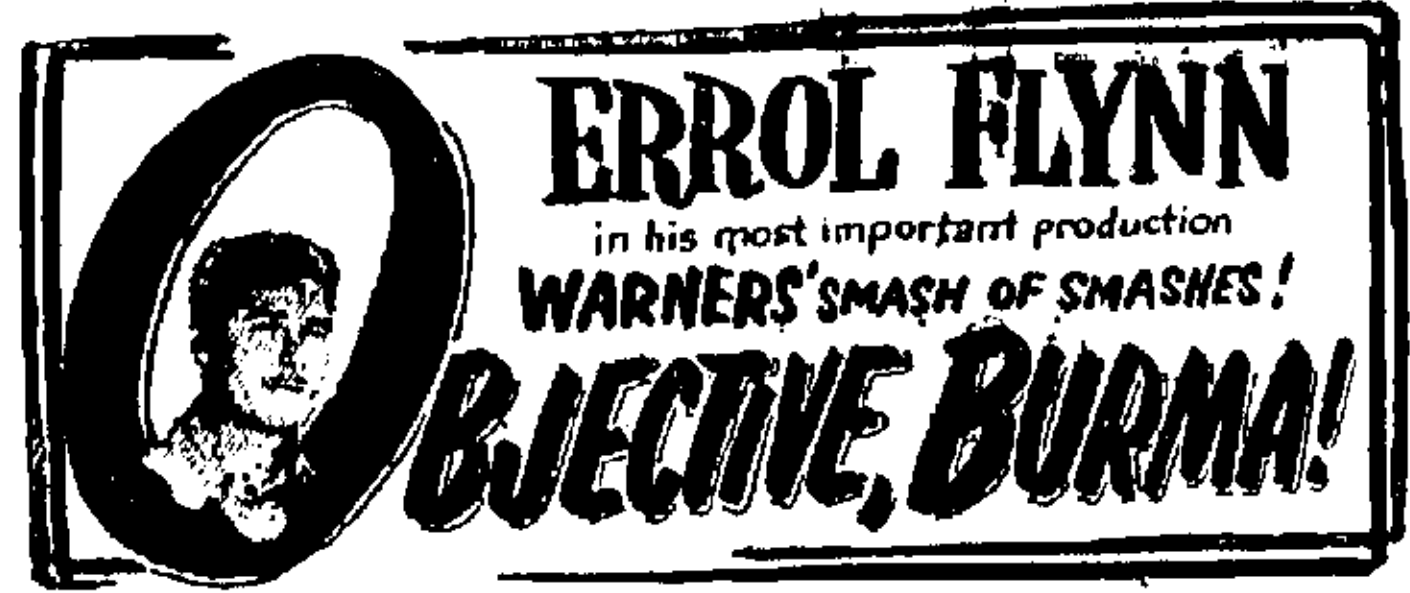
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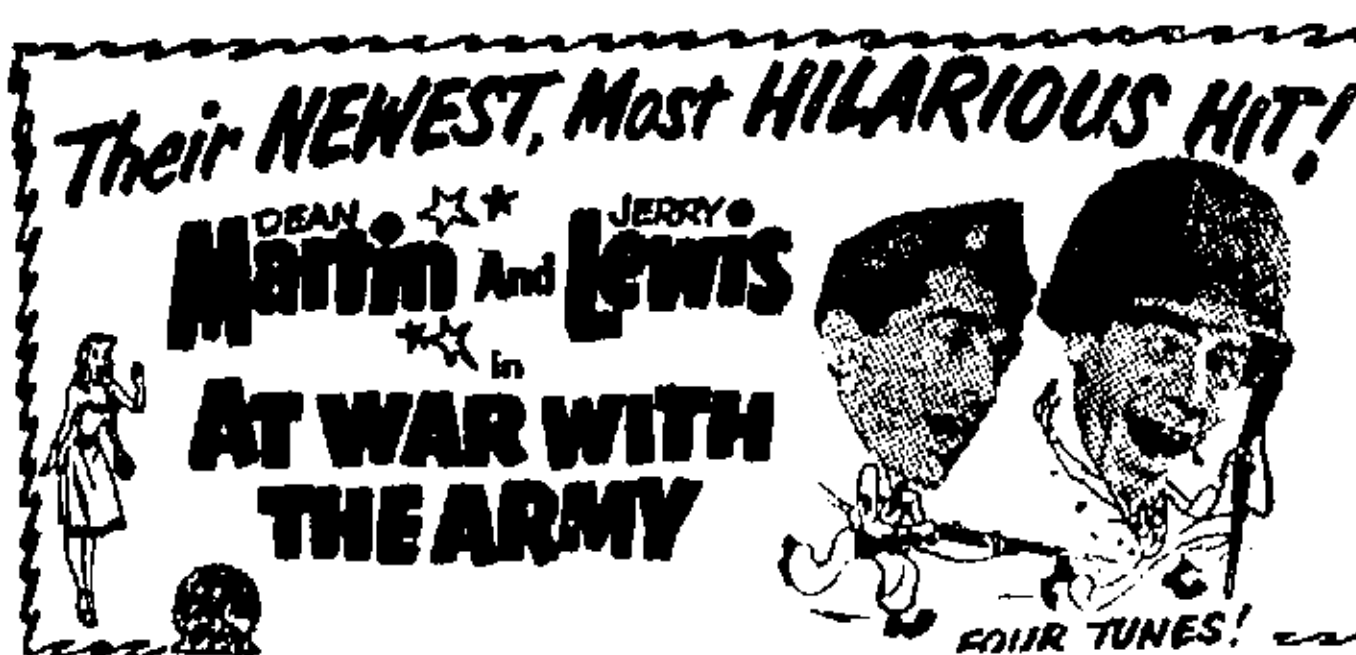
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### Rangoon Scare Subsides

Rangoon, Dec. 16. Some 200 persons suspected of being associated with rebels were rounded up early today when Police made a house-to-house search in the suburbs. Meanwhile, the scare which had seized the people following a rebel radio announcement of an attack at Rangoon abated as the deadline fixed by the radio passed yesterday. Police and military units continued tonight to mount guard on the Rangoon riverside and in the suburbs. — France-Press.

### Uruguayan Lack Of Interest

#### Small Vote In Vital Referendum

Montevideo, Dec. 16. Uruguayans decided in a nation-wide referendum today whether to discard the office of President and set up in its place a Swiss-model Executive Council of nine men.

Early voting on the proposed constitutional amendment, already adopted by Congress, was extremely light. Only about 2 per cent of the registered voters in Montevideo had cast ballots by noon. Voting in the other 17 departments was even lighter.

It was predicted that only about 40 per cent of Uruguay's 1,159,000 registered voters would go to the polls.

The results were expected to be known a few hours after the polls close at 9 p.m. GMT (5 a.m. HK Standard Time).

Opponents of the plan admitted it was likely to be adopted unless an overwhelming "no" vote turned out in Montevideo, which has 472,000 registered voters. The other 18 departments were strongly for it, they said.

The referendum attracted little pre-election interest. Advocates of the change said it would permit the minority party to participate in the Government and thereby discourage revolution and dictatorship. Opponents contended the opposite: that indecision, compromise and red tape in such a Government would invite would-be strong men to attempt to take over.

#### MEANING OF CHANGE

Under the change, Uruguay would still have a Cabinet, a House of Deputies and a Senate. The majority Colorado Party would nominate six men to the first Executive Council for a term of three years; the minority Herrerista Party would nominate three men. Thereafter the Council would be elected by direct popular vote for a four-year term.

President Andres Martinez Trueba, of the Colorado Party, it is believed, would be the first Chairman of the Council. The other Colorado members would be Senators Antonio Rubio and Francisco Forteza, two Ministers, Hector Alvarez Cina and Luis Alberto Brause, and Dr Eduardo Blanco Acevedo, the defeated candidate in the last Presidential election in 1950.

The three Herrerista members would be Senators Martinez Echegoyen and Roberto Berro and Alvaro Fargas, a lawyer, it is believed. — Associated Press.

### UN Official Held Up At Frontier

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 16. Bruce McDaniel, newly-appointed Director of the United Nations Technical Co-operation Administration in Israel, was stopped by Lebanese frontier authorities today from crossing into the Jewish State.

Mr McDaniel was going to Israel in connection with the American aid granted to Israel under the Mutual Security Act. A member of the American Embassy in Tel-Aviv who went to Beirut to accompany Mr McDaniel here was reported to have been permitted by the Lebanese authorities to cross the coastal road in the no-man's-land between the two countries.

But they refused to allow Mr McDaniel to go along. He had to return to Beirut, whence he is expected to reach Israel by another route. — Reuters.

### LYTTLETON IN SELANGOR



Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the British Colonial Secretary, who has returned to Malaya for a short visit after his trip to Hongkong, shown using his hands expressively to emphasise a point as he chats with the Sultan of Negri Sembilan. Mr Lyttelton met six of the nine Sultans at the Selangor Residency. — Reuterphoto.

## Christian World Prepares To Celebrate Xmas

London, Dec. 16.

Christmas bells, ringing in the traditional season of peace and goodwill, will once again echo over a world torn asunder by strife, discord and the threat of war.

To the Korean war, which last year cast its shadow over the world, has been added new conflict in the Middle East, in the Suez Canal Zone and in Persia.

In many countries, fear of a possible third World War, with the terrors of atom bombs and new, unknown weapons, haunts the populace.

Nevertheless, the Christian world is preparing to celebrate Christmas with as much joy and merriment as local conditions permit.

In Canada and the United States, there will be bumper festivities. But in most other countries of Christendom, the degree of luxury will depend greatly upon ability to pay.

But those rising prices and lagging wages in most countries keep the pocket of the average man empty, there are probably few who, when Christmas Day dawns, will not have managed at least some little extra with which to celebrate the festival with their children.

In Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity, there is little of either peace or goodwill.

#### CENTRE OF UNREST

On Christmas Eve, the bells of the Church of the Nativity, ringing out from the humble Judean village of Bethlehem, will once again bring their Christian message of hope to a war-threatened world.

But the land over which they resound is in the centre of the storm of unrest which is sweeping the countries of the ancient world.

Shots in neighbouring Egypt echo through the region, where rising tempers, fanaticism and hatred are in evidence, from Tehran to the Suez Canal.

The Holy Land itself, divided between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Israel, is no exception to the general rule.

Jordan's Moslem monarch was recently assassinated only a stone's throw from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and, for the first time, Christmas will be celebrated this year in the Holy cities of

## Tension Increasing In Tunisia Following Rejection Of Self-Government

Paris, Dec. 16.

Tension is rising in Tunisia as a result of the French Government's refusal to consider the latest Tunisian self-government demands, according to newspaper despatches received in Paris.

The recall as from the end of the year of M. Louis Perillier, the French Resident-General in Tunisia, was seen in Paris today as a victory for the French settlers in Tunisia, who regarded him as too liberal-minded.

M. Perillier's recall was announced yesterday.

A Tunisian Government delegation, headed by the Premier, Mohammed Chenik, has been in Paris for several months, asking that the Tunisian Cabinet and the Grand Council (elected Assembly) shall consist only of Tunisians instead of half Tunisians and half Frenchmen, as at present.

According to the French Press Agency, the Tunisian delegation considered that a communication received last night from the French Government amounted to a refusal to consider the Tunisian demands.

The agency said that the delegation noted that in the communication "the principle of co-sovereignty was affirmed for the first time in an official document."

By this the delegation wished to stress its view that there was no justification in the existing treaty arrangements for claiming "rights to co-sovereignty" as a valid reason for refusing Tunisian autonomy. A year ago the French Government agreed to reforms tending towards self-government in Tunisia, and also providing that a large number of Government posts should henceforth be filled by Tunisian nationals.

#### PERSIAN EXAMPLE

These reforms were welcomed at the time by the leaders of the new Destour-moderate nationalist movement represented by the Premier, Mohammed Chenik—but at the same time were not considered sufficient.

Events in Persia, the Middle East and Egypt have undoubtedly contributed to the Tunisian demands for a speeding up in reaching a state of autonomy.

In a statement to the Press in Paris on Wednesday, Mohammed Chenik stated that in exchange for their demands the Tunisians offered substantial guarantees for the rights of the French colony in Tunisia.

The old Destour-reactionary nationalist movement—and the Tunisian Communist Party—were reported to be standing by ready to exploit any failure of the new Destour to wrest further concessions from the French.

There are about 162,000 Frenchmen in Tunisia, which has a native population of 3,500,000.

Included among the French are a number of Italian settlers who were granted French nationality after the war. Many of the Frenchmen in Tunisia occupy minor Government posts. — Reuter.

#### FRANCE'S VIEWS

Paris, Dec. 16. France is prepared to study further reforms in the Tunisian Grand Council but it is determined that the country's 160,000 Frenchmen shall continue to be represented.

This was made clear in the letter from the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, to the Tunisian Premier, Mohammed Chenik, which was published today.

It is in reply to a Tunisian note of October 31 asking for further reforms.

M. Schuman began by reminding the Tunisians that nearly the whole of the Tunisian extraordinary budget, amounting to a third of the country's whole budget expenditure, and providing for such things as hydro-electric works, modernisation of agriculture, health and schools, was paid for by France.

"In this civilising work the French in Tunisia have played an essential part, which no one would think of contesting," M. Schuman wrote.

## LIBERALS TO TRY COMEBACK

London, Dec. 16.

The Liberal Party, widely regarded as finished as a political force after its failure to win more than a handful of seats in the last two general elections, is to be reorganised.

It will contest as many seats as possible at the next election. It was announced today that a national convention of the Party here yesterday took this decision.

More than 1,200 delegates from all over Britain approved the reorganisation plans.

These include the appointment of a paid Director-General to have charge of Party organisation and the setting up of a card membership scheme.

The Liberals—direct descendants of the great Whig Party of the 18th and 19th centuries—had catastrophic losses in the 1950 general election winning only nine of the 478 seats they contested.

In the election of last October they fought on a narrower front, but fared no better, only six of their 109 candidates being returned. — Reuter.

## Election In Pondicherry Boycotted

Pondicherry, Dec. 16.

Polling for the election of 22 members from the capital, Pondicherry, to the French India Representative Assembly ended here today.

Only a small number of the electorate cast their vote. Various nationalist parties, campaigning for a merger with India of the four French settlements—Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanam and Mahe—boycotted the elections.

The French India Socialist Party, now in power, led by Mr Edouard Goubert, Councillor for the French India Administration and Deputy for French India in the French National Assembly, was the only Party contesting all the 22 seats.

Haji Mohammed Ismail, information minister in the present Council of Government, who had filed his nomination as an independent, announced today the withdrawal of his candidature as he did not intend to take an active part in politics for some time.

A number of nationalist parties campaigning for a merger of the four French Indian settlements with India boycotted the present election. — Reuter.

## East Germany To Purge Libraries

Berlin, Dec. 16.

East Germany is about to purge her over 7,000 public libraries of about nine million German and foreign "undesirable" books, the West Berlin Social Democratic newspaper Telegram, claimed today.

On Government orders the campaign is to begin next week and will be completed by the middle of March next year, it added.

All German novels and scientific books "deviating from the line of Socialist ideology," as well as works by Sven Hedin, of Sweden, Bertrand Russell, of England, and Upton Sinclair, of America, would be affected.

Last week librarians from all over Germany discussing in Berlin how to make their libraries "firm strongholds of peace," decided to add more Soviet books to their shelves and instruct librarians to study Stalin's works. — Reuter.

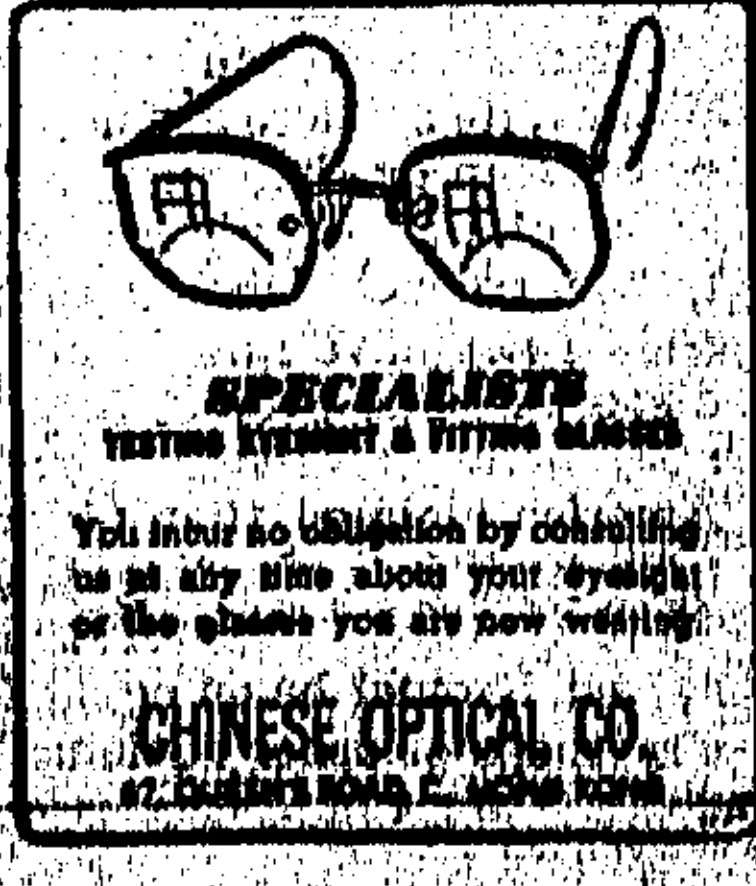
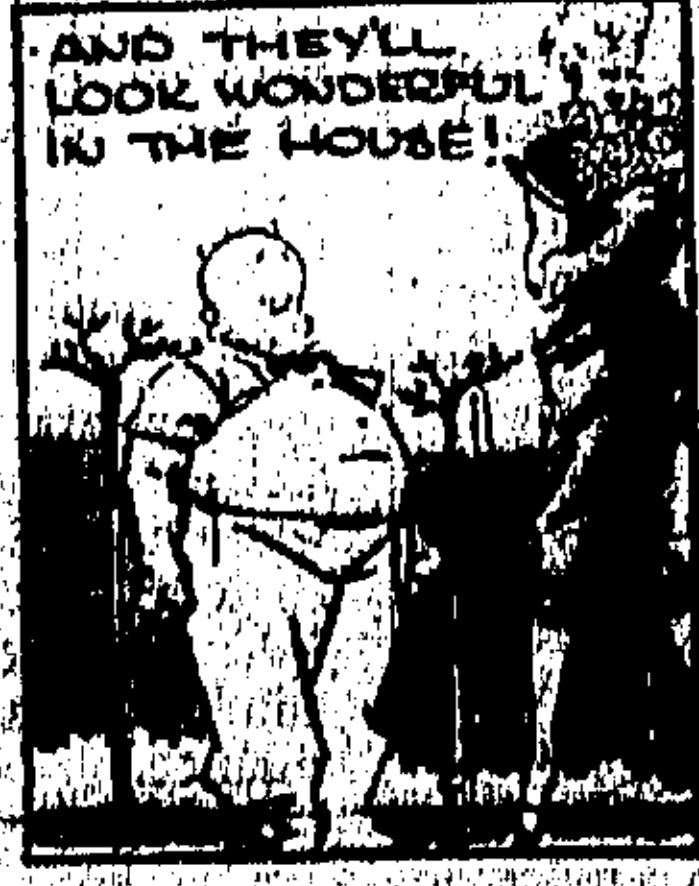
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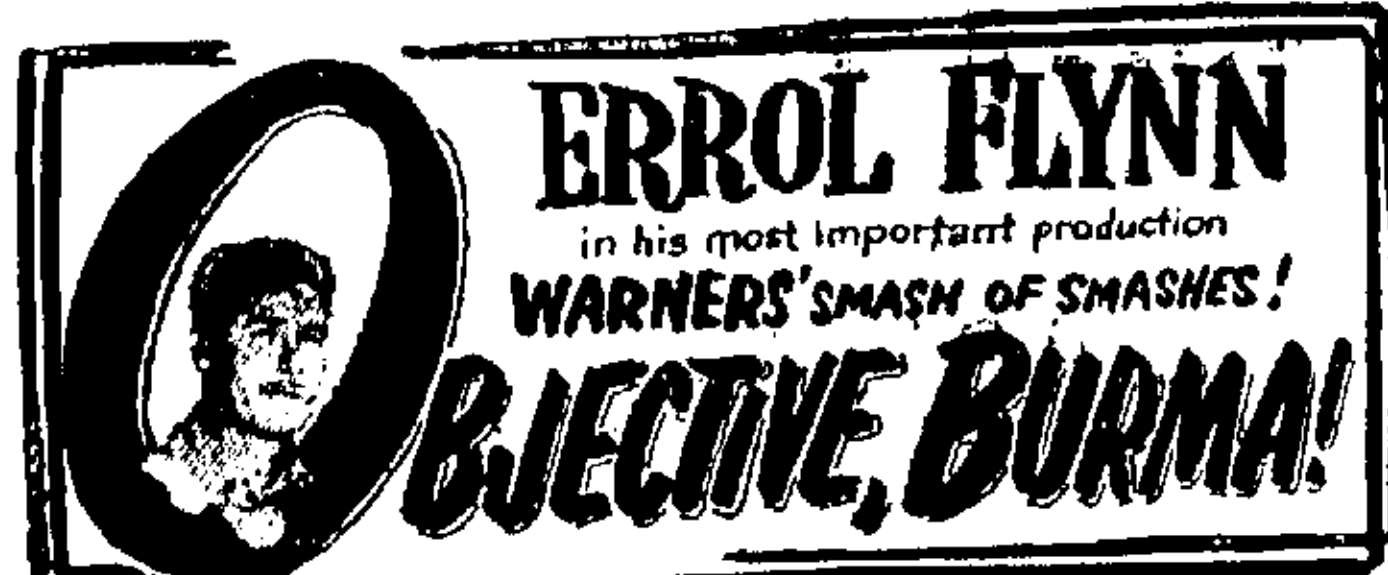




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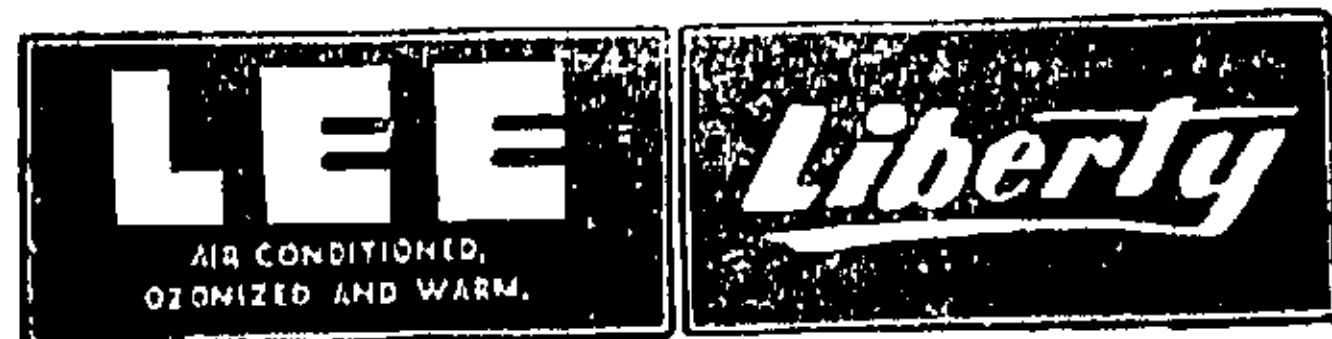


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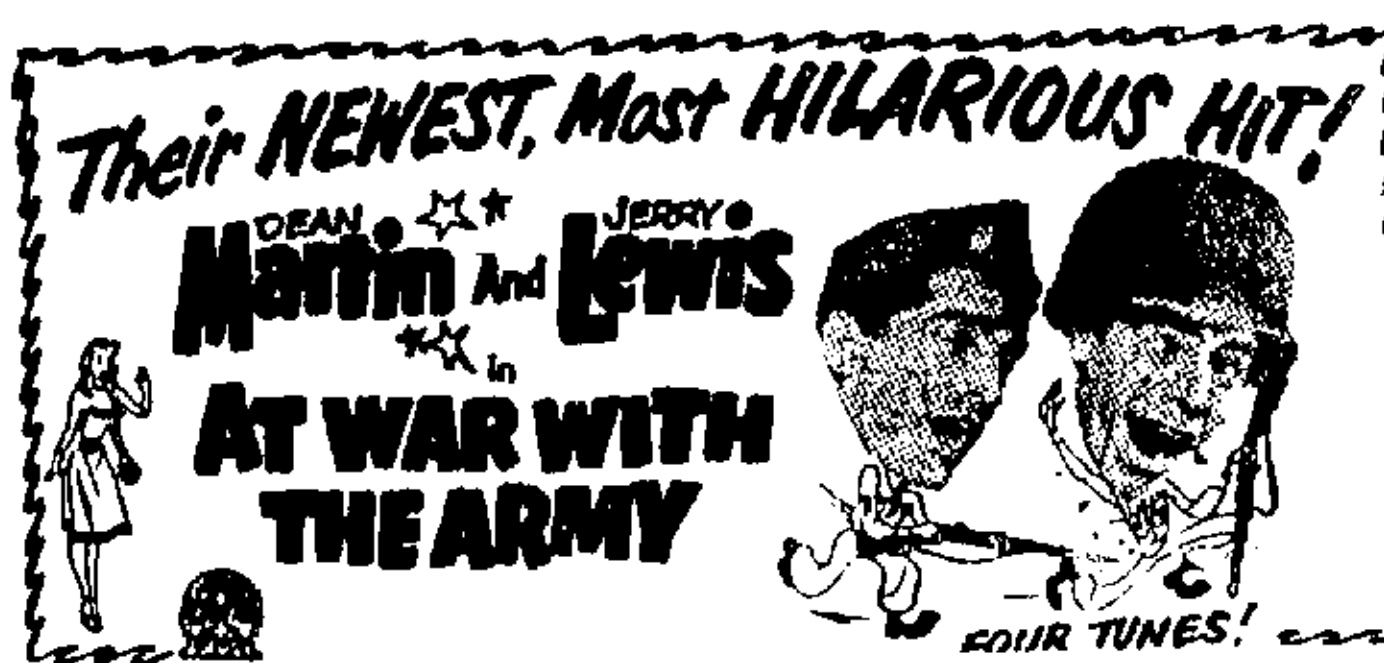
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### Rangoon Scare Subsides

Rangoon, Dec. 16. Some 200 persons suspected of being associated with rebels were rounded up early today when Police made a house-to-house search in the suburbs. Meanwhile, the scare which had seized the people following a rebel radio announcement of an attack at Rangoon abated as the deadline fixed by the radio passed yesterday. Police and military units continued tonight to mount guard on the Rangoon riverbank and in the suburbs — France-Press.

### Uruguayan Lack Of Interest

#### Small Vote In Vital Referendum

Montevideo, Dec. 16. Uruguayans decided in a nation-wide referendum today whether to discard the office of President and set up in its place a Swiss-model Executive Council of nine men.

Early voting on the proposed constitutional amendment, already adopted by Congress, was extremely light. Only about 2 per cent of the registered voters in Montevideo had cast ballots by noon. Voting in the other departments was even lighter.

It was predicted that only about 40 per cent of Uruguay's 1,150,000 registered voters would go to the polls.

The results were expected to be known a few hours after the polls close at 9 p.m. GMT (5 a.m. HK Standard Time). Opponents of the plan admitted it was likely to be adopted unless an overwhelming "no" vote turned out in Montevideo, which has 472,000 registered voters. The other 18 departments were strongly for it, they said.

The referendum attracted little pre-election interest. Advocates of the change said it would permit the minority party to participate in the Government and thereby discourage revolution and dictatorship. Opponents contended the opposite: that indecision, compromise and red tape in such a Government would invite would-be strong men to attempt to take over.

#### MEANING OF CHANGE

Under the change, Uruguay would still have a Cabinet, a House of Deputies and a Senate. The majority Colorado Party would nominate six men to the first Executive Council for a term of three years; the minority Herrerista Party would nominate three men. Thereafter the Council would be elected by direct popular vote for a four-year term.

President Andres Martinez Trueba of the Colorado Party, it is believed, would be the first Chairman of the Council. The other Colorado members would be Senators Antonio Rubio and Francisco Forteza, two Ministers, Hector Alvarez Cima and Luis Alberto Brause, and Dr Eduardo Blanco Acevedo, the defeated candidate in the last Presidential election in 1950.

The three Herrerista members would be Senators Martinez Echegoyen and Roberto Berro and Alvaro Fargas, a lawyer, it is believed. — Associated Press.

### UN Official Held Up At Frontier

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 16. Bruce McDaniel, newly-appointed Director of the United Nations Technical Co-operation Administration in Israel, was stopped by Lebanese frontier authorities today from crossing into the Jewish State.

Mr McDaniel was going to Israel in connection with the American aid granted to Israel under the Mutual Security Act. A member of the American Embassy in Tel-Aviv who went to Beirut to accompany Mr McDaniel here was reported to have been permitted by the Lebanese authorities to cross the coastal road in the no-man's-land between the two countries.

But they refused to allow Mr McDaniel to go alone. He had to return to Beirut, whence he is expected to catch Israel by another route. — Reuter.

### LYTTELTON IN SELANGOR



Mr Oliver Lyttelton, the British Colonial Secretary, who has returned to Malaya for a short visit after his trip to Hongkong, shown using his hands expressively to emphasise a point as he chats with the Sultan of Negri Sembilan. Mr Lyttelton met six of the nine Sultans at the Selangor Residency. — Reuterphoto.

## Christian World Prepares To Celebrate Xmas

London, Dec. 16.

Christmas bells, ringing in the traditional season of peace and goodwill, will once again echo over a world torn asunder by strife, discord and the threat of war.

To the Korean war, which last year cast its shadow over the world, has been added new conflict in the Middle East, in the Suez Canal Zone and in Persia.

In many countries, fear of a possible third World War, with the terrors of atom bombs and new, unknown weapons, haunts the populace.

Nevertheless, the Christian world is preparing to celebrate Christmas with as much joy and merriment as local conditions permit.

In Canada and the United States, there will be bumper festivities. But in most other countries of Christendom, the degree of luxury will depend greatly upon ability to pay.

But those rising prices and lagging wages in most countries keep the pocket of the average man empty. There are probably few who, when Christmas Day dawns, will not have managed at least some little "extra" with which to celebrate the festival with their children.

In Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity, there is little of either peace or goodwill.

#### CENTRE OF UNREST

On Christmas Eve, the bells of the Church of the Nativity, ringing out from the humble Judean village of Bethlehem, will once again bring their Christian message of hope to a war-threatened world.

But the land over which they resound is in the centre of the storm of unrest which is sweeping the countries of the ancient world.

Shots in neighbouring Egypt echo throughout the region, where rising tempers, fanaticism and hatred are in evidence, from Tehran to the Suez Canal.

The Holy Land itself, divided between the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the State of Israel, is no exception to the general rule. Jordan's Moslem monarch was recently assassinated only a stone's throw from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and, for the first time, Christmas will be celebrated this year in the Holy cities of

## Tension Increasing In Tunisia Following Rejection Of Self-Government

Paris, Dec. 16.

Tension is rising in Tunisia as a result of the French Government's refusal to consider the latest Tunisian self-government demands, according to newspaper despatches received in Paris.

The recall as from the end of the year of M. Louis Perillier, the French Resident-General in Tunisia, was seen in Paris today as a victory for the French settlers in Tunisia, who regarded him as too liberal-minded.

M. Perillier's recall was announced yesterday.

A Tunisian Government delegation, headed by the Premier, Mohammed Chenik, has been in Paris for several months, asking that the Tunisian Cabinet and the Grand Council (elected Assembly) shall consist only of Tunisians instead of half Tunisians and half Frenchmen, as at present.

According to the French Press Agency, the Tunisian delegation considered that a communication received last night from the French Government amounted to a refusal to consider the Tunisian demands.

The agency said that the delegation noted that in the communication "the principle of co-sovereignty was affirmed for the first time in an official document."

By this the delegation wished to stress its view that there was no justification in the existing treaty arrangements for claiming "rights to co-sovereignty" as a valid reason for refusing Tunisian autonomy.

A year ago the French Government agreed to reforms tending towards self-government in Tunisia and also providing that a large number of Government posts should henceforth be filled by Tunisian nationals.

#### BERNAN EXAMPLE

These reforms were welcomed at the time by the leaders of the new Destour—moderate nationalist movement represented by the Premier, Mohammed Chenik—but at the same time were not considered sufficient.

Events in Persia, the Middle East and Egypt have undoubtedly contributed to the Tunisian demands for a speeding up in reaching a state of autonomy.

In a statement to the Press in Paris on Wednesday, Mohammed Chenik stated that in exchange for their demands the Tunisians offered substantial guarantees for the rights of the French colony in Tunisia.

The old Destour—reactionary nationalist movement—and the Tunisian Communist Party were reported to be standing by ready to exploit any failure of the new Destour to wrest further concessions from the French.

There are about 162,000 Frenchmen in Tunisia, which has a native population of 3,500,000.

Included among the French are a number of Italian settlers who were granted French nationality after the war. Many of the Frenchmen in Tunisia occupy minor Government posts. — Reuter.

#### FRANCE'S VIEWS

Paris, Dec. 16. France is prepared to study further reforms in the Tunisian Grand Council but is determined that the country's 160,000 Frenchmen shall continue to be represented.

This was made clear in the letter from the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, to the Tunisian Premier, Mohammed Chenik, which was published today.

It is in reply to a Tunisian note of October 31 asking for further reforms.

M. Schuman began by reminding the Tunisians that nearly the whole of the Tunisian extraordinary budget, amounting to a third of the country's whole budget expenditure, and providing for such things as hydro-electric works, modernisation of agriculture, health and schools, was paid for by France.

"In this civilising work the French in Tunisia have played an essential part, which no one would think of contesting," M. Schuman wrote.

## LIBERALS TO TRY COMEBACK

London, Dec. 16.

The Liberal Party, widely regarded as finished as a political force after its failure to win more than a handful of seats in the last two general elections, is to be reorganised.

It will contest as many seats as possible at the next election. It was announced today that a national convention of the Party here yesterday took this decision.

More than 1,200 delegates from all over Britain approved the reorganisation plans. These include the appointment of a paid Director-General to have charge of Party organisation and the setting up of a card membership scheme.

The Liberals—direct descendants of the great Whig Party of the 16th and 18th centuries—had catastrophic losses in the 1950 general election winning only nine of the 478 seats they contested.

In the election of last October they fought on a narrower front, but fared no better, only six of their 109 candidates being returned. — Reuter.

## Election In Pondicherry Boycotted

Pondicherry, Dec. 16.

Falling for the election of 22 members from the capital, Pondicherry to the French India Representative Assembly ended here today.

Only a small number of the electorate cast their vote. Various nationalist parties, campaigning for a merger with India of the four French settlements—Pondicherry, Karikal, Yanam and Mahe—boycotted the elections.

The French India Socialist Party, now in power, led by Mr Edouard Goubert, Councillor for the French India Administration and Deputy for French India in the French National Assembly, was the only party contesting all the 22 seats.

Haji Mohammed Ismail, information member in the present Council of Government, who had filed his nomination as an independent, announced today the withdrawal of his candidature as he did not intend to take an active part in politics for some time.

A number of nationalist parties campaigning for a merger of the four French Indian settlements with India boycotted the present election. — Reuter.

## East Germany To Purge Libraries

Berlin, Dec. 16.

East Germany is about to purge her over 7,000 public libraries of about nine million German and foreign "undesirable" books, the West Berlin Social Democratic newspaper Telegram, claimed today.

On Government orders the campaign is to begin next week and will be completed by the middle of March next year, it added.

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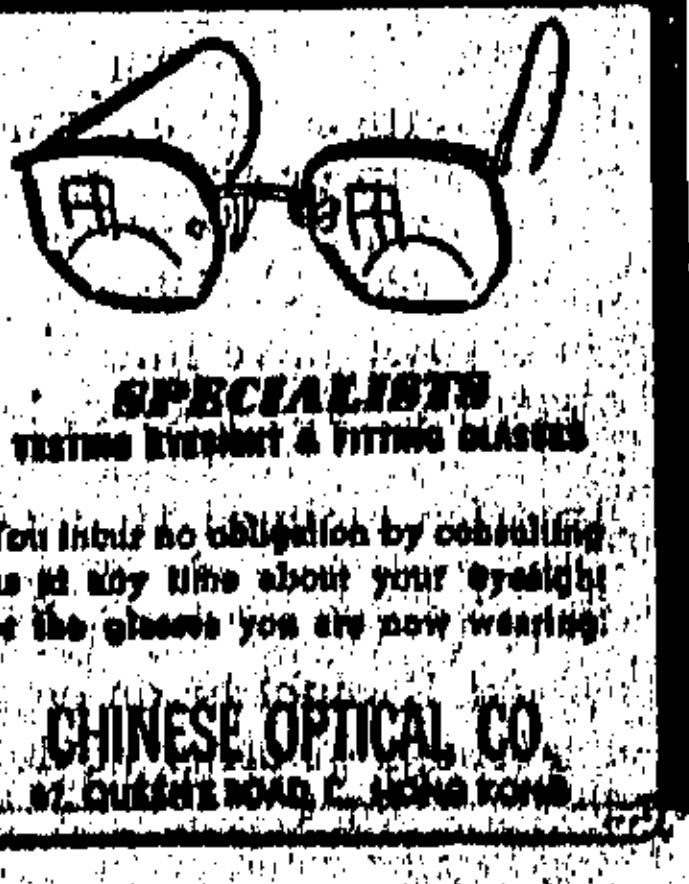
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## SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IN ASIA

Council Approval Of Aid From Europe

Brussels, Dec. 16. The conference of the General Council of the Socialist International, which closed its session here today, approved creation of a fund for aid to Socialist parties in Asia.

It also approved a plan for an immediate conference of the fund which will be held in London in January, 1952, to discuss the fund's work in Asia.

The conference also decided to create a committee which will co-ordinate the work of the fund in Asia.

The committee will be composed of representatives of the fund and the Socialist International.

The conference also adopted a resolution on action in favour of peace, approving international control of armaments and any move towards disarmament and supporting the creation of a European Army open to all free countries.

**RIGHT AND DUTY**  
The resolution also states that free peoples have the right and duty to ensure their security by strengthening their defence.

The resolution also states that American aid and participation in European defence is indispensable for the strength of the defence should be equally distributed among nations as well as among nations themselves.

However, countries which did not enjoy the same rights as others could not be expected to participate in the common defence on equal footing.

The resolution also states that the Socialist International considered the essential conditions of peace that defence should be ensured throughout the "free portion" of the European continent.

The next session of the General Council will be held at Compiegne, France, in April 1952.

The congress of the International will take place at Milan, Italy, in October, next year.

France-Press.

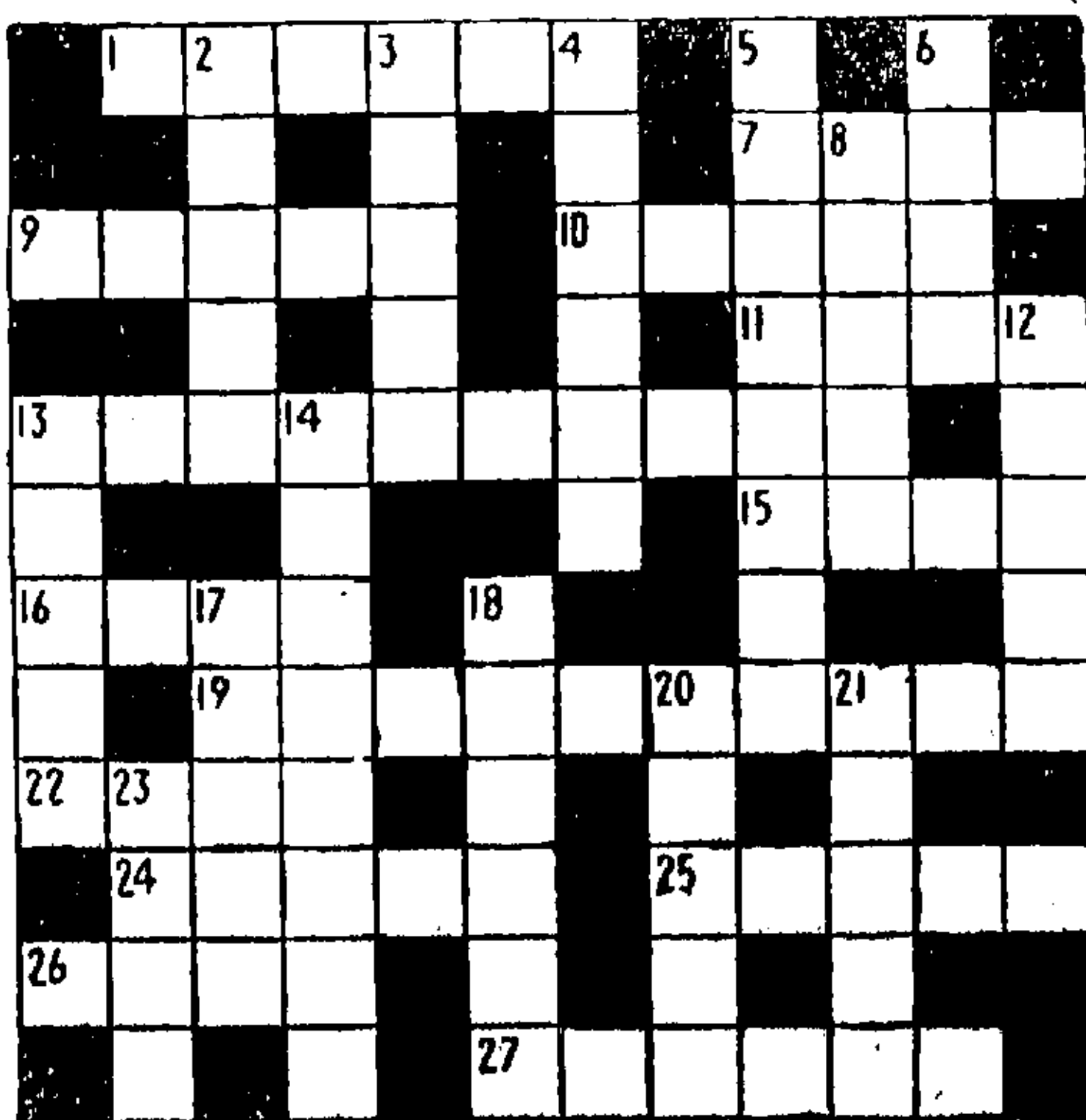
## The Average American

Washington, Dec. 16. The average American is 30 years old, is married and has two children, the Census Department said today after compiling detailed information supplied during last year's census.

The Department completes the picture by saying that the average American owns the house in which he lives or at least owns it jointly with a bank or a building society whom he endeavours to repay.

He has a motorcar, a household refrigerator, a radio set. He works in industry as a semi-skilled worker and his average yearly income is \$3,000.—France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Digest (6).
- 7 Figure (4).
- 9 Darkness (5).
- 10 Relieves (5).
- 11 Delle (4).
- 12 Over-entail (10).
- 13 Count (4).
- 14 Delt (4).
- 15 Evict (10).
- 22 Disfigure (4).
- 24 Long for (5).
- 25 Staff (5).
- 26 Tense (4).
- 27 Current (6).

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- 2 Perch (5).
- 3 Droll (5).
- 4 Furloughs (6).
- 5 Arguments (8).
- 6 Throw up (4).
- 8 Stop (5).
- 12 Seasons (5).
- 13 Musical note (5).
- 14 Hint (10).
- 17 Firework (5).
- 18 Chastities (5).
- 20 Solenn (5).
- 21 Additional (5).
- 23 Indian nurse (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.** Across: 1 Battle, 4 Addle, 7 Carrot, 8 Aspic, 10 Exit, 12 Beloved, 15 Newel, 16 Tire, 17 Onix, 19 Avail, 20 Restore, 21 Clot, 23 State, 24 Slogan, 25 Merry, 26 Halted, Down: 1 Bachelor, 2 Terminus, 3 Loot, 5 Duplicity, 6 Letter, 8 Debut, 11 Testator, 13 Beard, 15 Villager, 16 Delivered, 18 Month, 22 Rival.

# MENZIES WARNS U.S. AGAINST JAP REARMAMENT

"Hunger Artist" Claims Record

Karlsruhe, Dec. 16. Germany's "Hunger Artist" Peter Gubhardy claimed a new hunger world record by fasting 66 days and four hours. The previous record was held by a Frenchman, Fakir Banna, who fasted 42 days.

During his fast, Gubhardy lost 30 kilograms. When he left his glass cage today, he was suffering from liver trouble and severe digestive trouble. He smoked 3,800 cigarettes and consumed 200 bottles of mineral water. Reuter.

## GENERAL WARNS OF DISASTER

New York, Dec. 16. General Douglas MacArthur, commander of the United States forces in the Pacific, warned today that the United States could be destroyed if it does not take action to prevent Japan from rearming.

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New York, Dec. 16. The Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, warns Americans against the possibility of Japan building long-range naval vessels, in a magazine article to be published here tomorrow.

In the same issue of the magazine, Mr John Foster Dulles, chief American architect of the Japanese peace treaty, assures those who fear a resurgence of Japanese militarism that there has been a "change of mood in Japan."

Admitting the force of the arguments for Japanese rearmament, Mr Menzies asks: "Are both defensive armaments and offensive armaments to be considered as the Japanese rearmament?"

"Japan, to be defended against invasion, does not, for example, need long-range submarines. Nor does she need long-range surface ships of war."

"She may need them against us (Australia) or against you (the United States). But she does not need them against the common prospective enemy."

This is not just an expression of fear. It is a note of warning.

Washington Views

Washington, Dec. 16. American officials are concerned that Japan must undertake a rapid programme of building up its land army as soon as the peace treaty becomes effective in order to take her proper role in the defence of the Pacific.

They believe, however, it would be a strategically and politically unwise for the Japanese to try to gain in the air and at sea during the foreseeable future, probably the next four or five years.

The indications are that the average United States citizen takes much the same view on this subject as Government officials. The American public's rage over the Pearl Harbour attack has been superseded by concern over Soviet designs in the Pacific. For that reason, the Americans not only are willing but anxious for Japan to be permitted to bear some share of the burden of defending the Western Pacific.

Ironically, it was the United States, now the leading proponent of Japanese rearmament, which insisted at the end of the last war that Japan be completely stripped of her military potential and forbidden to ever again have armed forces of any kind.

General Douglas MacArthur, asserting that Japan could best survive as the "Switzerland of Asia," had written in the Japanese constitution renunciation of war and a paragraph prohibiting the re-establishment of any military force.

RATHER NAIVE

However, six years of "cold war" between the Soviet Union and the Anglo-American powers have convinced the American officials that their earlier attitude was, somewhat naive. These officials now are confronted with the necessity of persuading their own Allies, plus a considerable number of Japanese, that the United States was wrong in 1946 on this subject.

Administration officials now declare that Japanese who oppose rearmament of their country are highly unrealistic. An expression somewhat like this came from Mr John Foster Dulles, Republican policy adviser, who hammered out the Japanese peace treaty. Mr Dulles called upon the Japanese people to "face hard realities and abandon their dreams of neutrality."

Marshal Tito of Yugoslavia in a recent interview put it still

more bluntly. "The League of Nations was founded here yesterday to realise material restitution to Jews."

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The League, in a protest resolution, said that "statements like this one 'not apt to improve relations between Germany and the world.'"

Lawyers Up In Arms

Duesseldorf, Dec. 16. The League of Jewish Lawyers in Germany protested here today against a statement by the West German Minister of Justice, Dr Thomas Dehler, in a speech to the Bundestag that Allied policy had hampered restitution to Jews.

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## Only Survivor Of Family

Nicosia, Dec. 16. Mrs Thekla Georgiadou, who went to Greece before the war with her husband and three children, returned to Cyprus today, the only survivor of the family.

She brought with her the ashes of her eldest son. Her husband was killed by a Greek rebel bullet in 1950. Her daughter, decorated by Britain for saving British soldiers' lives during the war, died soon after the war ended.

The two sons died in German concentration camps.—Reuter.

## New Post For Meyrier

Madrid, Dec. 16. The former French Ambassador in Nanking, M Jacques Meyrier, arrived here today to take up his post as Ambassador to Spain.

M. Meyrier, who will hand his credentials to the Spanish Foreign Minister, Senor Alberto Martin Artaso, tomorrow, is the first French Ambassador to Spain since the United Nations decided to withdraw top-ranking diplomatic representatives from France Spain in 1946.

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## Muni May Play Part Of Gandhi

New York, Dec. 16.

Gabriel Pascal, the film producer, will fly to India in February or early March for talks with the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, and other Indian leaders on his production of the film "Mahatma Gandhi."

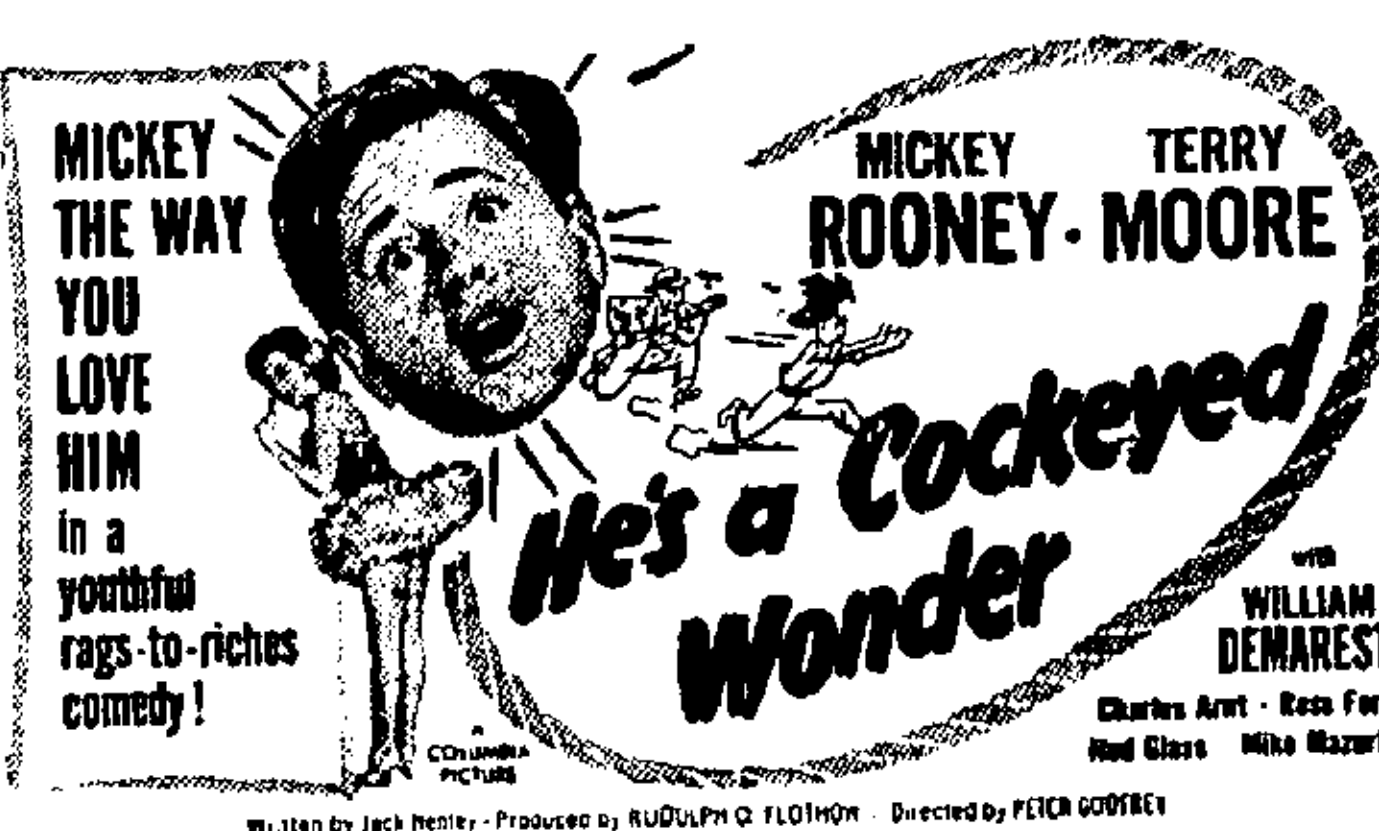
Main purpose of his trip is to work out a time-table for the film and to iron out details of the story, which is by Pyare Lal who was the Mahatma's secretary, and Gopal Hersey, Hollywood film writer.

Production is not expected to begin until the Autumn.

Mr Hersey, who wrote the script for "The Life Of Emilio Zola," was for months in India doing research in the writings and life of the Mahatma for the film. He left early last month for Rome, which is to be the production headquarters.

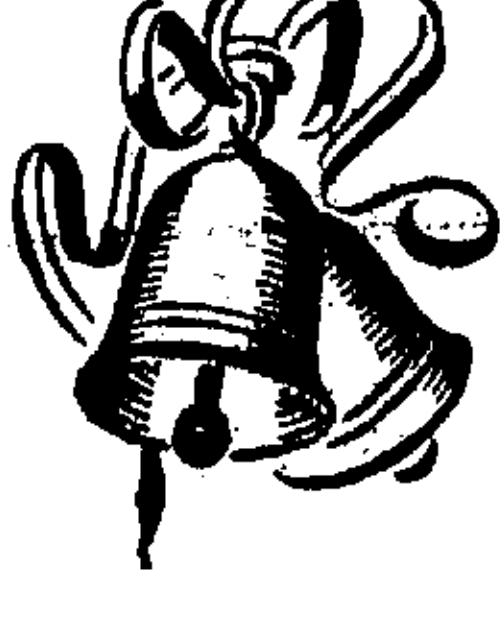
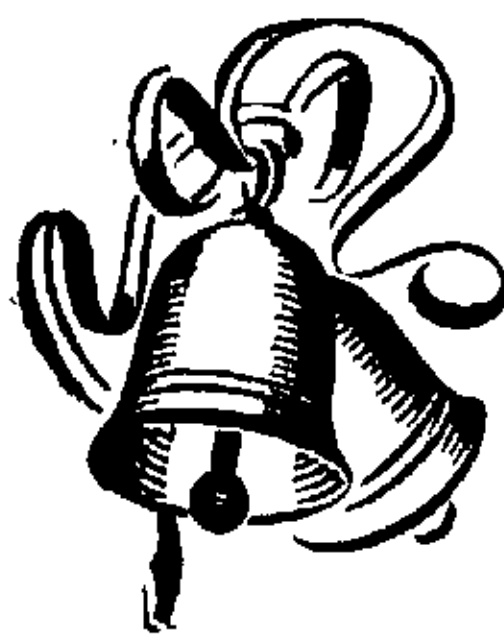
It was recently reported in Bombay that Aldous Huxley, the British writer, would collaborate in writing the script, and that Paul Muni was expected to play the title role.—Reuter.

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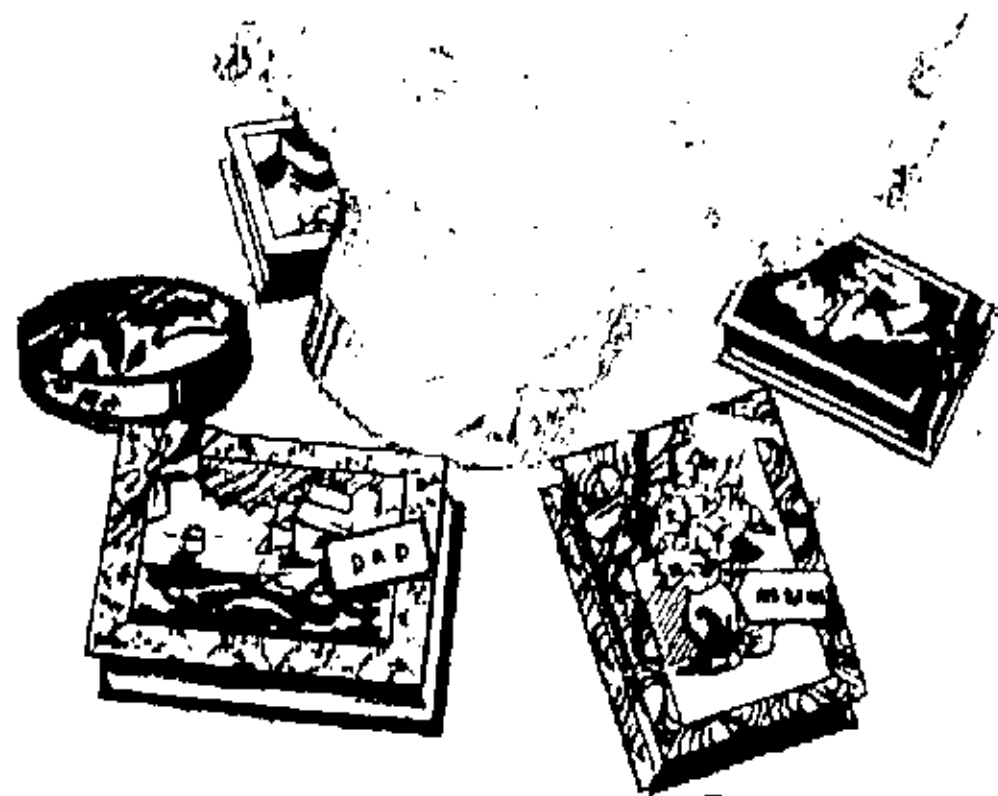


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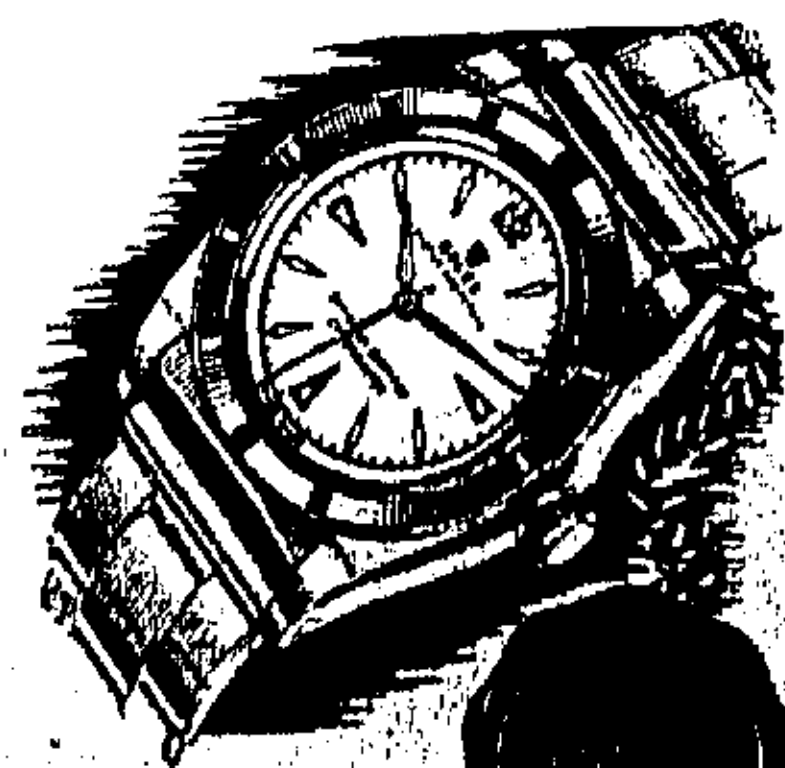
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## Abominable Snowmen—Fact or Fiction?

By ROBERT CLYDE

NEW fuel has been added to the controversy of the Abominable Snowmen of the Himalayas—new evidence which may help to explain or disprove what has for 30 years been a favourite with all lovers of a good mystery.

Mr Eric Shipton, back from a reconnaissance expedition on the upper slopes of Mount Everest, has brought a series of photographs of strange tracks found in the high snows, and these are to be exhibited to the Fellows of the Royal Geographical Society in London early in February.

The tracks photographed are similar to others previously reported by Everest expeditions. The world has been intrigued for 30 years by accounts of the strange spoor among the snows—and the Abominable Snowmen who are said to make them.

By the cynics the stories have been bracketed with the Loch Ness monster and the North Sea serpents, and if Mr Shipton's photographs should solve the great Himalayan mystery only the Loch Ness monster will remain supreme and inscrutable. The sea-serpent story, evolved from stories told by Scarborough fishermen, died the day an American visitor, surmising that what the Yorkshiremen had seen were tunny fish, went out and proved it, and at the same time started season big-game fishing off the Yorkshire coast.

The snowmen have been more elusive, and a lot of people are unconvinced by zoologists who declare that the tracks seen are those of a particular Himalayan bear with the abominable name of *Ursus arctos pruinosus*.

No white man has ever seen an Abominable Snowman, but since 1821 there have been regular reports of tracks being seen at altitudes where no major form of animal life is known to exist.

Natives who live in the high Himalayas accept the snowmen as fact (the term abominable was first used, and stuck, as the British form of the adjective awful), and they, and give accounts of them as large, shaggy, bear-like creatures with long hair and of hideous visage.

To make their mountaineering easier they have developed feet he saw I am convinced of his which point backwards instead of to the front plus great claws. The big ones eat yaks and the smaller ones eat men.

One legend is that the females, the Abominable Snowwomen, eat ordinary men and Abominable Snowmen too, and that the females usually have several husbands, which would indeed seem a necessity if, in fact, Abominable Snowmen are an integral part of the Abominable Snowwomen's diet.

It has also been suggested that they live on ice-worms, and the Himalayan natives aver that for a human being to look at an Abominable Snowman means instant death.

Certainly no one has ever seen and lived to tell if you except the tale of an Italian voyager who claimed to have seen one and observed it digging in the snow.

Legend apart, the tracks made by some unidentified creature have never been explained. In the latest account of the tracks written for *The Times* Mr Shipton says he and his party came upon tracks at 4 p.m. on November 8.

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It has armchair radio, bedrooms, bars, lounges, and its own daily newspaper

## THE DREAM TRAIN

By Robert Waithman

LOS ANGELES, California. THE Most Luxurious Train in the World starts out every day from Chicago to Los Angeles, a distance of 2,224 miles.

The circumstances in which this journey is made are here set down with no desire to incite envy, malice and rebelliousness in the breasts of the customers of British Railways.

But it would have been an exquisite pleasure, indeed, to have had a member of the Railways Board with us from the moment when the train, which the Santa Fe Railroad calls the Super Chief—a long, silver-coloured column of steam-lined cars drawn by an immense diesel locomotive—moved out of Dearborn Station in Chicago.

The passengers were then all installed in their separate drawing-rooms, bedrooms or compartments; and bright the lights shone upon the triumphs of technology.

My bedroom had beige walls and a beige carpet with light green upholstery. It had a private wash-basin upon whose rim three nickel-plated taps gave forth respectively hot water, cold water and ice-water.

At strategic points elsewhere there were eight sets of switches, levers or buttons controlling, among other things, air-conditioning, heating, lights, music and the radio.

On the armchair in the bedroom lay a box ("For the Enjoyment of Your Trip") which contained the following largesse:

Six book matches in a transparent container; A notebook, stationery and a stamped postcard; A packet of face tissues; Five tinfoil envelopes containing hand-lotion; Score cards for bridge and two other games; Literature, time-table and maps.

The more public glories of the train unfolded during the journey. At the after-end was a glassed-in observation lounge, with armchairs, writing desks and a table containing stock market quotations brought up to date each day and copies of the special Super Chief daily news bulletin.

A few cars forward was the barber's shop, where a white-clad attendant was dispensing what was described as tonsorial services. He was also in charge of the train's shower bath, which he would reserve for you by appointment.

Beyond him was the centre lounge, with further armchairs, tables and desks; and then came the dining car. This was most elegantly appointed; but any passenger who might want to give a little private party for six or ten people was not expected to rough it along with the rest. For him, a little further along, there was the Turquoise Room.

The carpeted corridor then dipped down and there was a bar done up with red leather, and beyond it a third lounge where you could order a drink. You could, in fact, order any or all of 13 wines, eight kinds of whisky, gin and rum, four cocktails, eight liquors and several beers and soft drinks.

A short staircase between the bar and the third lounge led up to the Pleasure Dome. Here, under a transparent plastic roof, with windows on all four sides, you could sit in a revolving armchair surveying the sunlit or moonlit scenery, while soft music played.

The Super Chief ran smoothly across the State of Illinois, over the Mississippi River, and through the Kansas wheat fields; and in the morning the Rocky Mountains of Colorado were rearing, purple and white in the distance.

The Super Chief's passengers meanwhile were breakfasting, lunching and dining in a manner which left them in little danger of malnutrition.

Some thirty dishes were available for breakfast, and lunch was by no means a simple meal; but it was at dinner that the food really began to appear.

The train, which had twice been washed down en route, arrived in the morning sunlight at Los Angeles precisely on time, after an evening, two nights and one whole day of travel.

All promises in the multi-coloured literature had been fulfilled. The passengers had been confronted with no difficulty greater than the decision when to use their hand-lotion. There was only one catch, if so crude a word were permissible. It was that when the rail fare, extra fare and Pullman fare had been added together the cost of the journey worked out (at the current dollar exchange rate) at about 6d. a mile. The dinner heretofore mentioned cost \$1.68, 6d.; the best champagne aboard was \$2.25, 6d. for a half-bottle; and a haircut and shampoo in the tonsorial parlour cost 14s. 3d.

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## If you're at your best at midnight—

THE CHAPMAN PINCHER COLUMN

AFTER 20 years' search I have found what millions of men and women are seeking—a sound medical reason for getting up late in the morning and going to bed late at night. Scientists have discovered that the human body temperature rises and falls rhythmically every 24 hours. Their tests have proved that wits are sharpest when the clinical thermometer touches its daily peak and are woolliest when the mercury is lowest.

The difference may be only a couple of degrees, but it has profound effects on the brain, the scientists claim.

So, according to the chart shown here, I have been waiting some of the best hours of my life by going to sleep before midnight. And I have been losing time, which I can best spend dozing in bed, by getting up before noon.

My brain should be at its best after 6.30 p.m.—when I have usually finished my daily stint. It should be least alert in the morning, when I am forced to do some work. People like the waking in the morning with a temperature of

about 98½ degrees Fahrenheit, compared with the so-called normal of 98.4. Their "engines" warm up so slowly that their temperature takes about three hours to rise about one degree.

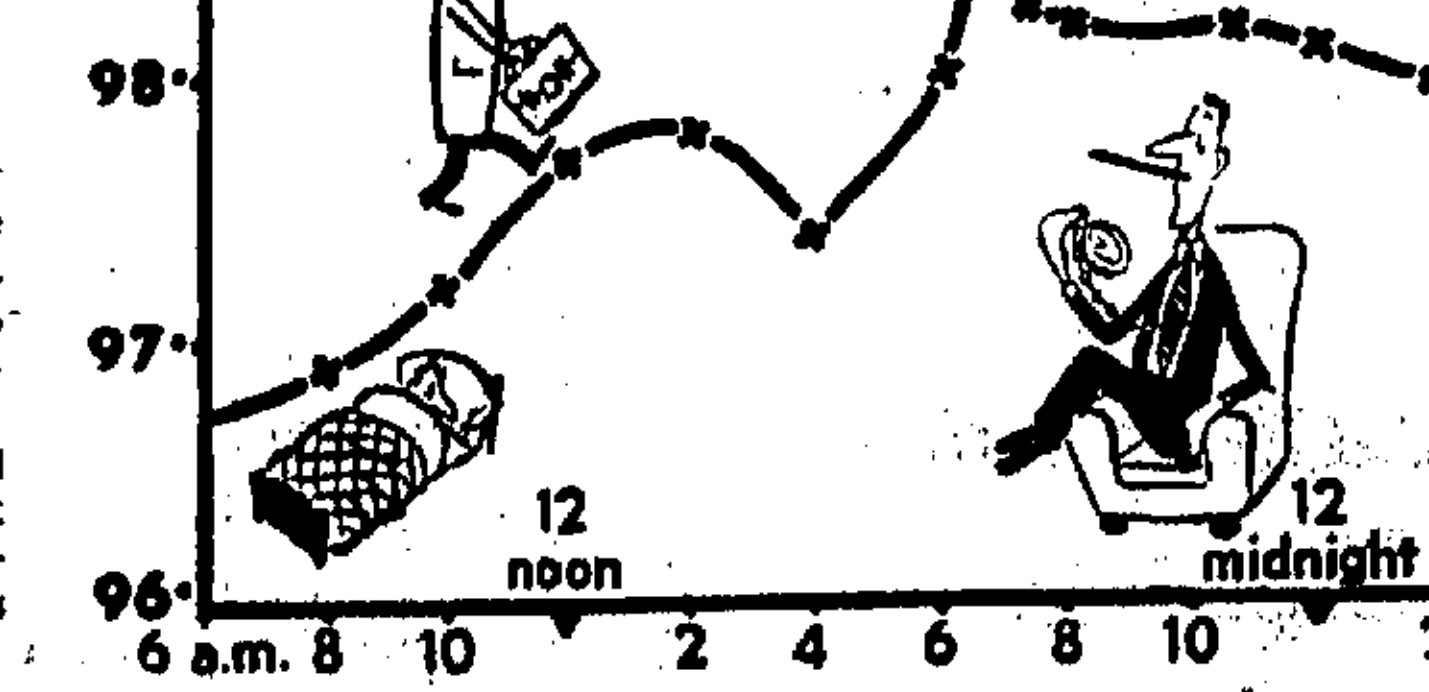
Such people find it hard to get up, and feel groggy and irritable.

Others can jump out of bed and be hearty at the breakfast table, because their body temperature shoots up as soon as they waken.

They reach top temperature and the peak of their ability by midday. But their capacity for work falls off as their temperature begins to fall in the late afternoon. When they get home they nod off.

Scientists seriously suggest that we should fix important business engagements to fall about the time of our maximum temperatures.

I would go further. A society which took proper note of scientific progress would fix things by midday. But early-morning snooze in an armchair and wives who are in the mood for an energetic evening out.



THIS CHART of Chapman Pincher's hourly temperature is typical of a "slow starter," scientists say. It does not reach "normal"—98.4 degrees—until about 6.30 p.m. But it stays high until past midnight.

getting into a train compartment full of talkative people who are obviously "quick-get-away" types.

disturbed, says Adrian. So people who have difficulty in dropping off should take these precautions:

1 TAKE pains to make the bed really comfortable. So long as muscles are under tension they send signals to the central nervous system.

2 HAVE the bedroom really dark. Signals from the eyes keep 80 percent of the brain active.

The sleep scientists say that thousands of people who lost sleep nightly during the war have revealed no evidence that they suffered mental or physical ill-health as a result. But the happiest news for me is the debunking of that toothsome proverb, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."







Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Officers Room, Box-holders Members are requested to ensure that their servants make way of the Public Entrance Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the neighbourhood to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

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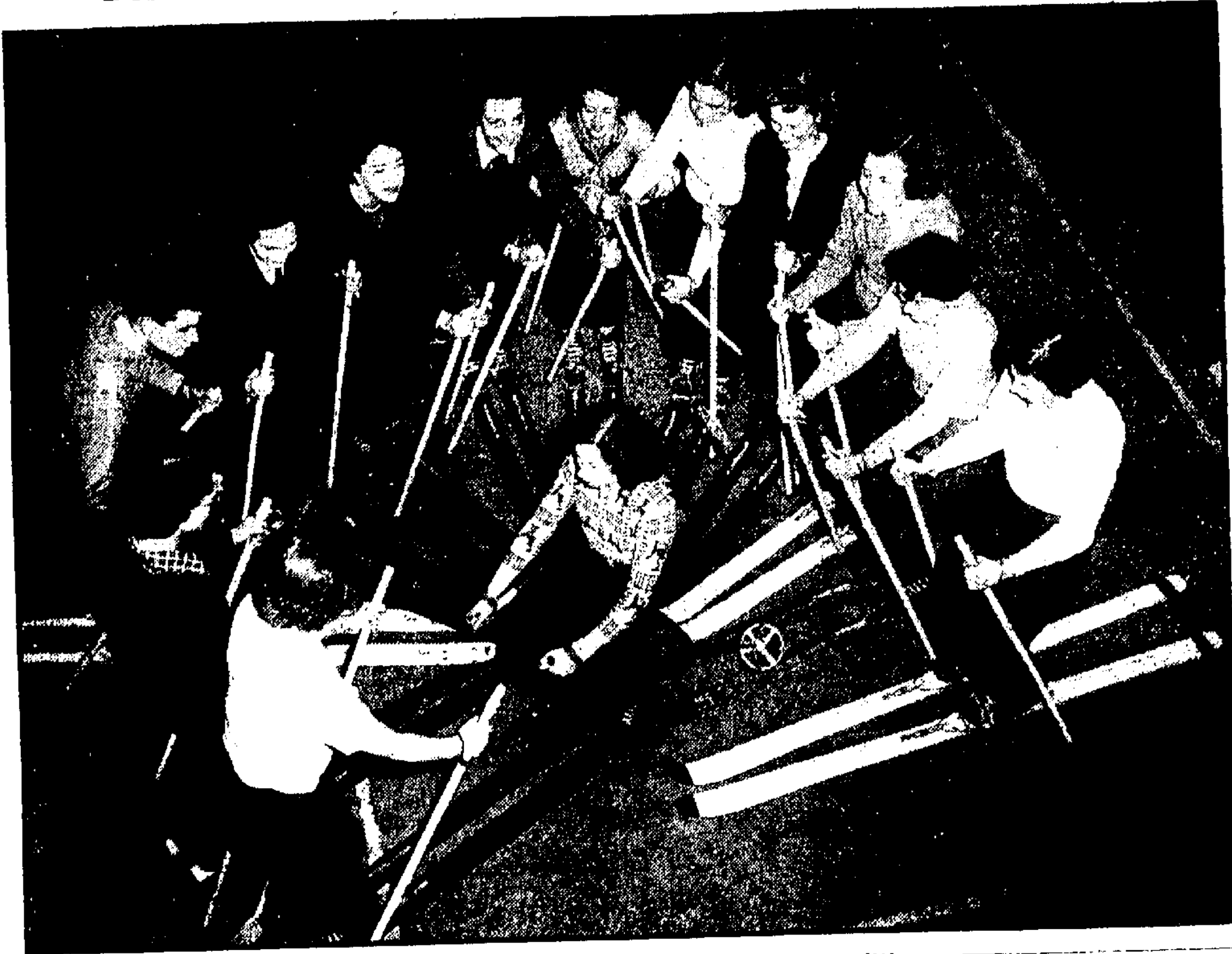
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# DRY SKI TRAINING AT CHELSEA BARRACKS



The first ski training centre of the 1952 Norwegian Ski Training Expedition of the Central Council of Physical Recreation was opened at Chelsea Barracks last week.

Forty-one young men and women, some of them in the Services, are learning the fundamentals of skiing before leaving London by air in January for the snow slopes of Norway.

The training is carried out with normal equipment, and past experience has shown that this preliminary training is largely responsible for the rapid progress on the ski runs in Norway.

Picture shows a class, in circular formation, being taught how to use the ski sticks on turning a corner by Mrs Sitwell Stebbing, one of the National Council for Physical Training instructors.

# BRAVES NOSE OUT PANDAS 4-3 IN FEATURE MATCH OF THE SENIOR LEAGUE

By "GRANDSTAND"

The Braves celebrated their return to the softball diamond yesterday with a 4-3 noseout over Pandas before a large crowd of fans, while Overseas toppled the Madcaps 10-8 to throw the "A" Division flag chase right open again with the pack racing down the final stretch.

In the "B" Division, the Baseballers condemned the Dodgers to the cellar when they eked out a deserving 3-1 triumph in the morning game, while the Squaws had an easy time with a 10-0 shutout in the Ladies' Loop, with South China as the victims.

Delaware and Griffin, sharing the runners-up slot in the Junior League, managed to maintain pace with victories, the former accounted for Blue Sox 6-3 while the latter shallacked South China 19-3.

## BRAVES 4-PANDAS 3

The Braves threatened in the very first inning, after they had held Pandas scoreless in their batting half, by loading the bases on Bob Remedios' shingle, an infield bobbie and a walk, but some fancy pitching by hurler Jackie Wei staved off danger momentarily when he fanned Carlos Yvanovich and Joe "Doc" Gutierrez in succession. After the Pandas failed to get on base in the second stanza, the Tribe started an uprising again when three consecutive errors in the Pandas' infield found every sack occupied.

Bob Remedios squeezed the first run in, Junior Remedios drew a walk and still another tumble and a squeeze found a procession of four runners dening the rubber. It was a hectic hitless five-error frame.

Settling down to staid play after Pandas coach C. C. Leung had switched P. H. Lee to centre-field and C. Y. Lu to first base, the Braves were handcuffed for the remainder of the game, while the Pandas went about their business of cutting down the lead.

The first Panda run crossed the pan in the fifth when Tom Wei's long hoist into left was fumbled, and another run was chalked up in the sixth on two well placed hits by P. H. Lee and Wally Mar—the first Panda hits of the game.

Starging a last ditch stand, the Pandas came in to bat in the top of the seventh two runs behind, Lu poked out a single but Tom Wei flied out for the first down. Raymond Teao slashed out another safe-hit but Tim Wong grounded out to advance the runners to second and third bases.

Pitcher Jackie Wei was next at bat and much to everyone's surprise belted out a freak hit to right field, scoring C. Y. Lu, but Raymond Teao, carrying the tying run, played it safe and held up at third base, where he dived as Y. Y. Liang's smash through the pitcher's box was frozen by Chapple Remedios. Pandas outlast the Braves in this needle game, but their blows

came too late to make up for the four-run deficit handed out earlier in the game.

Winning pitcher Chapple Remedios gave up five hits and fanned three while Jackie Wei, the Pandas yielded three hits and fanned three.

## OVERSEAS 10-MADCAPS 8

Madcap mentor Buster Holland almost pulled off another swift one by juggling with his bat, but the effort which produced a cluster of runs in the closing stages of the tussle failed to make up for the grand yielded earlier on unearned runs.

Starting fastballer Joey Grace on the mound, the Madcaps were full of confidence as Grace cut down the first two batters with blazing pitches, but two alternating walks and hits produced a two-run lead for the Chinese lads.

The lead was reduced when Madcapper leadoff man Alec Braga wheeled a walk out of hurler Lam Ping, and scampered across the plate on a wild pitch.

The second chapter went by scoreless although the Madcaps had the bases loaded, but two unsuccessful squeeze plays nullified the effort.

Four errors in the top of the third, three of which were committed by shortstop Bernard Silva, allowed two more Overseas runs to trickle across the plate while the Madcaps could only reply with one run on Rene Sequiera's timely blow.

The Overseas contingent added slowly to the score with a run in each of the following semesters while the Madcaps were played to a standstill in the fourth and fifth frames.

The Madcap bench came to life in the sixth when George Saunders, pinch-hitting for Roberto Nunes, connected for a three-base hit with two runners aboard and Pete McIlas, batting for Graham Crookdake, belted lead to exactly two runs.

Regular pitcher Kelly Silva Netto was seen warming up on the sidelines to take over Grace's mound task, but for some reason or another, Grace was allowed to start off the seventh. Paul Tiu flied out, but Grace, who was tiring fast, went into a wild spree and before the dust had settled on the seventh,

three more Overseas runs were registered on the scoreboard.

Coming in to bat for the last time, with the lead increased to five runs, Eric Remedios, Charlie Schamhorst, and Edjo Almeida connected safely in succession.

A passed ball, a bunt and a grounder found three runs marked up, but Pete McIlas' deep fly to left field was frozen with the tying run left stranded on base.

Losing pitcher Joey Grace walked 11 and gave up another pass when Lam Ping for a pitched ball, while Lam Ping for the winners was almost equally wild with eight passes to first base.

Madcapper leadoff Alec Braga grabbed batting honours with a three in four performance while George Saunders connected for the longest blow with a three-plier.

During this game plate-umpire Fred Ewins' decision in calling Alec Braga out for interfering with catcher Harry Louie going after a pop-fly was protested by Madcapper manager Buster Holland.

The grounds for protest are uncertain as these were not indicated in the formal appeal entered in the scorebook, and it is doubtful if this will be officially followed up within the stipulated 72 hours.

**SQUAWS 10-SOUTH CHINA 0**

In a five inning fracas, the Squaws had no difficulty in preserving their leadership in the Ladies' loop when they shutout the gals from Caroline Hill.

The only one from the losing team to connect for a hit was Wang Tien-yueh, while the winners chalked up a total of six hits, first-sacker Aldo Oliveira and pitcher Benita Remedios being good for two hits each.

Darkness set in after the fifth frame and it was then decided to call the game off.

**"B" DIVISION GAMES**

In a warm encounter against the Dodgers, Doc Molton's Baseballers proved their superiority when they shaded the opposition 3-1, with Solly Saul leading the mound duties for the winners.

Three bunched up hits in the opening chapter found a trio of Baseballers tramping over the rubber, while the losers managed their only tally in the third

# Celtic's McPhail Returns From A Mystery Trip

London, Dec. 16. John McPhail, the Glasgow Celtic centre-forward, who flew to the United States on a mystery trip, has returned. He said that he had business in America and that it had been completed but he would not disclose the exact nature of it.

McPhail admitted having talked with Mr. Jim McGuire, the President of the Soccer League of America, but gave an assurance that he would not be leaving Celtic for a long time yet.

He could not say whether there was any truth in a report that he had an offer to coach and train up to 16 teams in the Eastern States of America at an annual salary of £3,000 but he did not deny that he discussed the offer—Reuter.

# GERMANS GET TOGETHER

Brunswick, Dec. 16. The first step towards the sports unity of Germany was accomplished today when representatives of East and West German swimming clubs decided to organise a common championship.

Events of this All-German Championship will be held at Munich, Berlin and Leipzig. Sports representatives from the two Germanys agreed to abstain from any political gesture in the Championships—France-Press.

# SCORES AT A GLANCE

"A" DIVISION	
Braves	4 Pandas
Overseas	10 Madcaps
"B" DIVISION	
Baseballers	3 Dodgers
Delaware	6 Blue Sox
Griffins	19 South China
Pandas	5 Dodgers

inning when they sewed three hits together.

Blas Despa of the Dodgers had a perfect day with the willow by belting out three safe-hits which included a two-bagger, while Bill Doyle of the Baseballers collected two hits.

**UMPIRES' CLASSES**

Umpire-in-Chief Don Robbins announces that the third and final indoor class for prospective umpires will take place at the VRC this evening at 5.30 p.m. and after this session, practical outdoor classes will be held at King's Park.

Much can be gained from these discussions and the interpretations on "interference" given last week leave no doubt in any one's mind as to the correct ruling. An unusual example discussed last week actually happened on the field of play last Sunday.

**PAKISTAN'S TEAM**

Pakistan's international side has been selected, and the following is the official roster submitted to the Association:

Manager: S. A. Hussain; Captain: Sherry Bucks; Vice-captain: Jindoo Hussain; Coach: Skelly Ruzack; Trainer: S. Hamet.

Lineup: Sherry Bucks, Jindoo Hussain, Benny Omar, A. H. Khan, (St Joseph's); A. H. Baker, Tiger Hussain, Turian Ismail, Barry Abbas, Oly Omar (Canadians); A. G. Ismail, A. K. Ismail, Y. Tio, A. Rabka, A. Ditta (Raxas); G. Ibrahim, A. M. Watab, N. Y. Adal (Griffins).

# ENGLISH LTA'S MOVE TO KILL "SHAMATEURISM"

London, Dec. 16.

The old, controversial arguments of "shamateurism" and adequate coaching in Britain's major sports have been given a new impetus.

The chief reasons for the raising of these time-honoured and deep-rooted problems as a main topic in sporting circles have been the fact that the English Lawn Tennis Association has now decreed that its tournaments—Wimbledon included—shall be thrown open to men and women who are professionals at other games, and that those who direct the attempts to give British athletes a new deal have been in conference to plan future activities.

An important contributory factor has been the further edict of the Lawn Tennis Association that henceforth expenses shall be permitted to be paid to amateur tennis players for the whole 52 and not a mere eight weeks of the year.

## LONG OVERDUE

Generally it is felt that these new rulings of Britain's lawn tennis legislators have dealt a strong and long overdue blow at "shamateurism," just as they have given a much needed fillip to coaching the youth of the country, so that Britain can play a more telling role in world lawn tennis.

There are not a few good lawn tennis players in Britain who might have achieved at least Wimbledon qualification had it not been for the fact that fate had decreed that they earned their living by being a professional in some other game.

This new lawn tennis ruling is hailed by many as a worthy example for those who supervise Britain's amateur athletics, boxing and Rugby Union football to follow.

By most people, it is welcomed as a narrowing of the gap between amateurism and professionalism.

Many young athletes with natural aptitude have faded into obscurity after a promising debut, simply because they have lacked the financial family backing to pursue their sport to higher success and fame.

## OPPORTUNITY

Promising young lawn tennis players will now have an opportunity to prove their true worth without having to worry about financial hardships and

the new ruling does not, as some wish to argue, give promise of a life of ease for a youngster who is deemed to have a chance of reaching world class.

This argument could, and did, hold good before the Second World War.

In those days, there were those who had the necessary time and money to advance their interest and performance in sport. It is not so today.

To achieve world class today demands a stern and exhausting apprenticeship amid testing competition.

Furthermore it is just as hard work keeping at the top of world sport as mounting the ladder of sporting fame.

Another point discounting accusations of promised idleness is the extensive travel that is the necessary adjunct for those who have a position in top-flight world sport today.

## "BLINDED BY SCIENCE"

With regard to coaching, Geoffrey Dyson, Chief National Coach of the Amateur Athletic Association, put his finger on the vital point when he told his fellow coaches at the conference that "if all coaches are left to go their own way, then athletes are in danger of being blinded by science."

And the coaches realised the fact, so that they made up their minds to work for a uniformity in basic training methods.

Individual training, of course, is the ideal in any sport. But with Britain now in whole-hearted pursuit of increasing its world challenge in sport by officially sponsored coaching schemes, to contemplate individual coaches at individual centres is impossible.

Too much leeway has to be made up in too short a time. Yet with uniformity, there is always the danger that pupils may be "evolved to a pattern."

However, those now tackling this question of training the youth of today to be champions of tomorrow have shown themselves so sincere and so downright in their efforts that it can be safely assumed that they have taken into consideration such possible dangers.—Reuter.

# SURPRISE FROM THE DORIANS

Dorians turned in the surprise of the afternoon yesterday when they held Recreio to a one-all draw on the latter's ground in the Ladies' Hockey League match.

Dorians' new centre-forward, Phyllis Bliss, scored within eight minutes of the bully-off and this inspired the rest of the forward line of Yvonne Del Vivienne Churn, Margaret Fischer and Pauline Kent to holding on to the attack as much as they possibly could.

It was a game that veered from one end of the field to the other and Recreio's centre-forward equalised in the second half, but there was no more score.

Dorians also turned out a better-than-average goalkeeper in Gladys Mok.

Victorians won their battle against the Widgets by a goal scored by a newcomer to the team ten minutes from the start of the second half. Neither team was at its best and it was an unimpressive game.

Little Flowers surprised a little by holding King George V School "A" to one-all and University gave the Grenlins only four goals—a good performance—at Boundary Street.

## HOW THEY STAND

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Grenlins	5	3	2	—	17	3	10
Recreio	5	3	2	—	10	5	8
KGV "A"	5	3	1	1	13	5	7
Victorians	5	3	2	1	11	0	0
Widgets	6	3	3	—	6	6	6
University	3	1	—	2	4	12	2
Little Flowers	4	—	3	2	13	1	1
Dorians	4	—	2	2	13	1	1
KGV "B"	5	—	5	5	16	0	0

# England Beats France In Thomas Cup Match

Paris, Dec. 16. England beat France in the first round, European Zone, of the Thomas Cup—the Davis Cup of badminton—here today, and will now meet Scotland, who received a first round bye.

In winning all the matches in the tie (five singles and four doubles) the English players yielded only one set out of the 19 played, and were superior in every department of the game.—Reuter.

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Hungary's Red chief, Matyas Rakosi, has already netted 2,500,000 dollars by selling freedom to Jews.

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## 65 CHILDREN

But there are no young men for sale at any price. Of these 222 who came from Hungary today, 65 were children, 90 women and the rest elderly men—nobody fit for military service or hard work.

The men all talked freely, elated by freedom. "But, please, no names," they said. They have relatives still in Hungary.

They all talked wistfully about life "before the war."

A pretty girl from Budapest told a story which is making the capital giggle.

A well-known Communist journalist was sitting in a restaurant. He had a little too much to drink, and in an outburst of sincerity he shouted, "I don't give a hang about Stalin."

A Russian major, a giant of a man, came over and whispered menacingly: "Will you please repeat what you have just said?"

"I don't give a hang about your Stalin," said the journalist, with the desperate courage of a drunk.

"And I?" roared the Russian, "don't give a hang about your Rakosi."

Then he sat down with the journalist and got drunk as only a Russian can.

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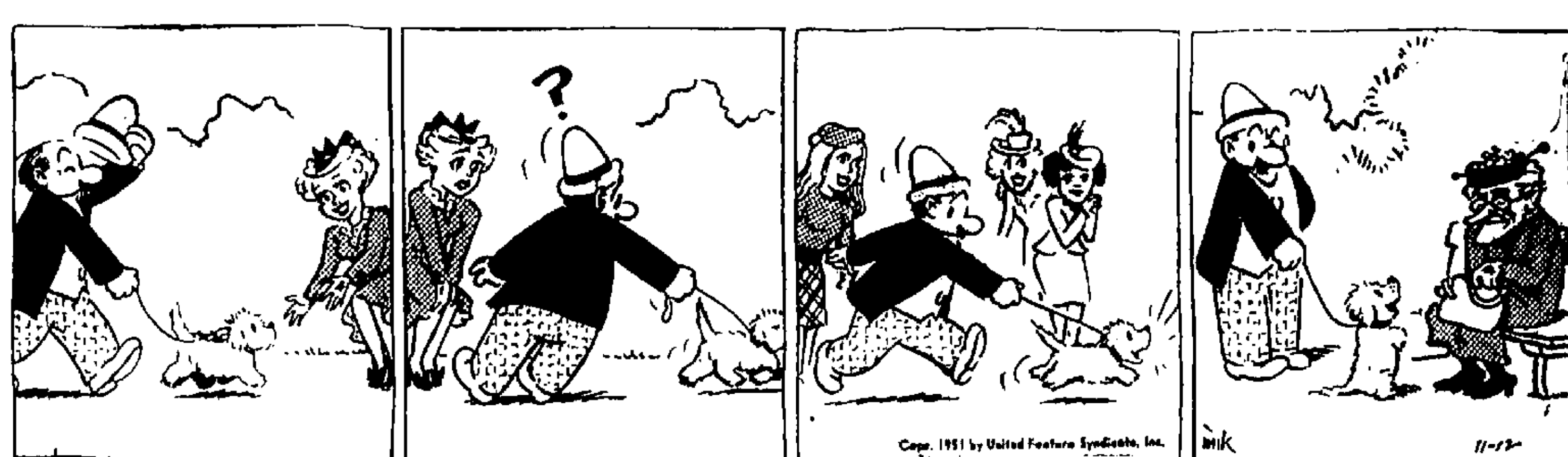
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## SOCIALISM INDIA'S PANACEA?

London, Dec. 16.  
The view that India's economic problem could not be solved by copying the methods of Western capitalism was expressed by today's Reynolds News.

The Left-wing paper said editorially, "The many friends of India in this country will watch with interest the progress of the huge experiment in democracy now taking place in that country, where more than 170,000,000 people are voting in a great, free election."

"In particular, Socialists will wish success to the Indian Socialist Party."

"Socialist ideas and methods alone can raise the miserably low standard of living of the Indian people."

"Already the Indian masses are stirring against the poverty which condemns so many of them to a lifetime of hunger and to premature death."

"Unless democracy can offer them a better life, they will turn to Communism, as the Chinese peasants have already turned."

India's fundamental political problem was solved when her freedom was restored to her peoples, the paper said.

"It is economics which is her greatest problem today, and it is not by copying the greedy capitalism of the West that this problem can be solved."—Reuter.

## Schoolboy King

Bahadur, Dec. 16.  
King Fahm II of Iraq arrived here today to spend his school holidays before returning to London. He was accompanied by the Regent, Amir Abdul Ilah. The 17-year-old king is being educated at Eton School.







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## Good Work By Red Cross In Hongkong Praised

The spreading throughout the Colony of recognition and knowledge of work done by the British Red Cross Society here was recommended by Miss Joan Whittington, MBE, JP, Director of the Overseas Branches of the British Red Cross Society, this morning.

Addressing Red Cross voluntary workers at Sandharis Hut, Miss Whittington also conveyed to them the appreciation and thanks from Lord Woolton, BICS Executive in London, for their good work here.

Miss Whittington is making a tour of Singapore, Malaya, Borneo and Hongkong to get first hand information of Red Cross and social work, and also to get in personal contact with the people concerned.

Together with Lady Grantham, President of the Society's Hongkong Branch, and Dr. K. C. Yee, Chairman, Miss Whittington inspected the work of preparing land parcels by members of the Service Hospital group and the Discharge Therapy group, in the hut. They were also shown children's dolls made by Service hospital patients.

Introducing the visitor to the gathering, Dr. Yee said that during the last few years, Miss Whittington has been visiting orphanages, social institutions and refugee camps. On behalf of the group, he thanked the visitor for coming to speak to them.

**WORK APPRECIATED**  
In reply, Miss Whittington expressed her appreciation for the opportunities to meet those interested in Red Cross work.

She said she brought from the London Headquarters greetings and good wishes, and congratulations to every member here. Though Hongkong is far away from home, she added, all the good work here is being appreciated. The mothers and wives of sick Servicemen know that something is being done for their comforts, she said.

Miss Whittington said she hoped more people would join the Society's Branch here. The Red Cross is a vast organization composed mainly of people who put their spare time into the effort.

The visitor pointed out that throughout the world there are 69 national Red Crosses, all united under one aim. Everywhere their insignia is recognized.

Recalling the disastrous Jamaica hurricane some months ago, Miss Whittington said valuable aid to the 50,000 victims was rendered by the Red Cross by way of shelter, food and other things.

Membership of the Society here is small, she said, and she believed that if a bigger membership could be secured the Red Cross would be in a stronger position than it is now.

Miss Whittington also suggested the opening of a blood-transfusion service here.

## Performance Of The Nativity Story



## ANOTHER MOB TRIAL

Another mob trial, attended by a crowd of 6,000, was held yesterday at Canton's Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, where on December 2 five Canadian nuns of the Holy Infant Orphanage underwent their ordeal.

Eighty-three nuns were faced with accusations of conspiring with counter-revolutionaries and being tyrants. One was sentenced to death, but the sentence was suspended for two years, while the rest were sent to prison from one to 15 years.

The three sentenced to death were alleged to have caused the death of a number of workers and also to have committed arson and robbery.

## ALIEN FAILS TO REGISTER

For failing to supply particulars and photographs to the Registrar of Aliens, Yung Se-pun, 22, who claimed to be of Siamese birth, was fined \$500 or three months by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning when he pleaded guilty to the charge.

Sub-Inspector Byrne of the Immigration Office told the Court that defendant was detained by Police last Friday for enquiries. Defendant, who arrived from Macao on April 4 this year, made no attempt to register.

The Prosecution asked for a serious view to be taken and applied for an expulsion order. It was granted, to be effective on payment of the fine or at the end of the sentence.

Included among the features of last night's Christmas concert presented by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra was a performance of the Nativity by girls of the Maryknoll School. This picture by a staff photographer was taken during the performance.

## Corruption Charge

A Police constable attached to the New Territories Force came before Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning charged with corruption.

The Prosecution alleged that in Tsim Sha Tsui on November 19, P.C. 2194 Chan Sik-kee received \$150 for forbearing to arrest Mak Wan, Law Kam-wah, Wong Lai-shun and Yau Yung-san.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. M. A. Silva, was granted bail at \$5,000.

Date of hearing was fixed for January 16 and 18.

## Accused Of Stealing Drugs

Facing a charge of larceny by servant, Cheung Yui-ai, 29, was remanded for one week by Mr. Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

Defendant, represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almeida Remedios, is alleged, being a servant in the employment of Cheung Yuk-kai, to have stolen 300 vials of penicillin and 200 vials of streptomycin between October 9 and December 9. The goods were worth about \$700.

The case will be heard on December 27. In the meantime, defendant is on bail of \$2,000.

## Corfu Due In This Evening

Bad weather outside local waters has delayed the arrival here this morning of RMS Corfu, it was announced.

Latest message received from Capt. E. Ferraby stated that the liner is expected to enter Lyemun at 5 p.m. today. She will berth alongside for disembarkation of passengers at 6 p.m.

The Corfu is coming here from England via the Straits.

## Intelligence Test Solution

Call the men P. W. B. S.: the women L. B. S.  
Number the seats in clockwise order: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Andre Garnerin, who descended from a balloon in Paris in 1797. 2. An apple ripening late in the season. 3. Sir Franklin Gimson. 4. Christopher La-ham. 5. Scholes. 6. Zero. 7. Portuguese.

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## Living Language

Why we say By and large.

This vague phrase is used, especially by public speakers, to express a vague idea, namely, that the speaker is not sure that he is correct in detail. It comes from sailing-days when the order to sail "by and large" meant that the helmsman need not keep the ship close to the wind but might keep a point or two in reserve, in case of accidents. The order therefore implied a degree of tolerance and inaccuracy.

## Mail Notices

Latest times of posting at G.P.O. and at Kowloon Post Office: registered articles and parcel mails close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail times shown below.  
Christmas Letter Mail By Air: for Great Britain, Europe, Africa, Australia & New Zealand will be closed at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18.  
For Canada, U.S.A., and Mexico at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
By Air  
Japan, 5 p.m.; via B.O.A.C.  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, 6 p.m.; H.K.A./N.W.A.L.  
Canada, 5 p.m.; H.K.A./N.W.A.L.  
Siam, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.  
Indo-China, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.  
By Surface  
Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.  
Japan, 1 p.m.; ss Feng Ning.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18**  
By Air  
Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 10 a.m.; via Air France.  
Formosa, Japan, 11 a.m.; C.A.T.  
Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 11 a.m.; B.O.A.C.  
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 5 p.m.; B.O.A.C.  
Philippines, N. Borneo, 5 p.m.; C.P.A.  
By Surface  
Macao, 8 a.m.; 6 p.m.; ss Lee Hong/Tak Shing.  
China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m.; train via Canton.  
Japan, 1 p.m.; ss Feng Ning.

## Three Alleged Smugglers

Charged with importing 1,420 United States \$10 gold coins and 300 taels of gold without a licence, three men, Chan Ying, 24, clerk, Chan Yik, aged 38, coxswain, and Lam Chee, 31, engineer, were remanded to January 3, 1952, by Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning.

The defendants were alleged to have imported the gold aboard a motor fishing off Stonecutters Island on Saturday.

Bail of \$100 each was granted to the defendants.

## Dispute Over Land In The New Territories Gardener's Appeal Against Judgment Dismissed

The right to a number of lots of agricultural land in Fanling, New Territories, was disputed before the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, this morning, when an appeal was brought by a gardener against the judgment of Mr Justice Scholes. The appeal was dismissed.

The appellant was Fung Chok-lam, gardener of the On Poe Farm, Fanling, against whom Mr Justice Scholes awarded judgment in an action for possession of the land brought by Macy Peter Wong, married woman, of 38A Bonham Road.

Mr Justice Scholes decided that appellant was a licensee of the respondent and that the licence was determined by a notice in writing dated September 14, 1950, and expiring on December 31, 1950.

The appeal was based on the grounds that (1) there was no evidence to support the judgment that the appellant was a licensee and not a tenant; and (2) alternatively, that it was against the weight of the evidence.

Mr L. J. D'Alton, instructed by Mr A. C. Arculli, was for the appellant, and Mr S. V. Gittins, instructed by Mr F. Zimmermann, was for the respondent.

Mr D'Alton said the judgment of Mr Justice Scholes was a verbal one and he gave no reasons for his finding. It was admitted by Mr Zimmermann, acting for the respondent at the lower Court hearing, that the appellant might be a tenant of part but not of the whole of the area, but it was appellant's case that he was entitled to the whole of the land as a tenant.

Some years before the outbreak of the Pacific War, Council went on the appellant was employed by respondent as a gardener on the property and that fact was not disputed. Appellant claimed that by virtue of an oral agreement he became tenant and presumably, Counsel remarked, he would be tenant from year to year. Appellant also said he first paid rent of \$100 per year, and this was subsequently increased to \$200, and then to \$500.

**PAYMENT OF WAGES**  
At the lower Court hearing, respondent admitted paying appellant his wages up to November, 1941, but said he could not remember if he paid him any more after that, and there was nothing to show that respondent had actually dismissed appellant from his employment, Mr D'Alton said.

It was admitted by respondent that during the Japanese occupation of Hongkong the appellant remained on as caretaker of the property, and it appeared that it was on this that respondent based his case that appellant was nothing more than a licensee.

Dealing with the rice on the land, Mr D'Alton said the appellant claimed that during the occupation he paid his rent to the respondent in the form of rice at the rate of 400 catties per annum, but this was denied by respondent who, however, admitted receiving some rice in that period from appellant. It was clear, therefore, said Counsel, that rice had been given and the only question was how much and what for.

Mr D'Alton submitted that appellant clearly had a right to occupy the whole of the land for the purpose of raising rice crops and the land could not be used for any other purpose while that was going on.

**LICENSEE ARGUMENT**  
Mr Gittins, for the respondent, said that appellant's case seemed to rest a great deal on the question of exclusive possession. He submitted that there was no reason why a man growing crops could not be a licensee as he maintained to be the case here. Vegetable farmers in Hongkong, Counsel understood, could get a licence from the Government and there was the case of allotments in England. These people were licensees and licensees in such cases would have exclusive possession against all persons except against the licensor.

He submitted there was ample evidence for the Trial Judge to find that appellant was a licensee and he asked the Court to dismiss the appeal.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr Justice Gould said that the Court was of the opinion that although this was almost a borderline case that it could not differ from the decision of the Court below. The mere fact that there might have been employment did not necessarily indicate tenancy. There was nothing to show that

there was a tenancy. As to the possession of crops where there was a larger area of land it was not inconsistent with the position of a mere caretaker that he be allowed to cultivate crops on the land as well as carrying out his duties as caretaker. The Court felt that there was evidence on which the Trial Judge came to the conclusion he did, and the appeal was therefore dismissed with costs.

**Possession Of  
Arms Charge**

Lance-Cpl Anthony James Dalton Dalzell, aged 25, of the 1st Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles, a native of Belfast, was charged before Mr R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon this morning with possession of a 45 Colt automatic pistol at Fanling, New Territories, on Saturday without a licence.

The defendant, who is stationed at Fanling, was remanded for seven days in gaol custody.

Mr Burke, defendant's counsel, told the Court that legal aid would be sought. Det-Insp. Andrews appeared for the prosecution.

## Radio Hongkong

**H.K.T. Programme Summary:** 6.02, Children's Hour (Presented by Elizabeth Ann (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Hour (Studio); 7, Prime Signal, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15, Songs by Emily Livi; 7.30, United Nations Album; 7.45, Artist of the Week; Joseph Ziget (Violin); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, London Promenade Orchestra; 8.15, British Masterpieces (BBC's Masterpieces of English Furniture - A Talk by Gordon Russell; 8.30, "I like what I like" presented by Fred Stoy (Studio); 9, Calling all Forces (BBC's with Ted Ray and Petula Clark and Geraldine; and His Concert Orchestra; 9.30, Journey into Darkness (BBC's) by Margaret Porter and Trevor Hill produced by Martin Webster; 10, Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (Kuchaturian); 10.30, Chanson Française; 10.45, Music for dancing; The Skyrockets Orchestra; 11, Radio News Reel (Recorded Relay); 11.15, "Goodnight Music"; 11.29, Weather report; God Save The King; 11.30, Close Down.

## Bridge Problem

Sir—With reference to the Bridge problem published in your issue of Saturday, December 15, I think that, in spite of what was described as "a very fine defence" put up by the St. Paul experts concerned, South could have fulfilled his contract of four spades if he had adopted a different line of play.

West opened the nine of Clubs. East won with the ace and led the ten of Spades. Mr Jacoby claims that "South couldn't afford to put up the ace of trumps." I beg to differ.

I contend that it would be impossible for the defenders to defeat the contract if South put up his ace of trumps!

After winning with the ace of Spades, South should cash his ace of Hearts and ruff a small Heart in dummy. Next he should re-enter his own hand by ruffing a low Diamond. Then he should lead the seven of Spades, which East must win with the king.

East with only Hearts and Clubs left in his hand must now lead up to South's king of Hearts or king of Clubs. In any case, South would win with one of these kings, and should promptly cash the other king, thus leaving West with only the queen of Spades and four Diamonds to the king.

South should then throw West in with the lead by playing a trump to West's queen of Spades. Having nothing left but Diamonds, West must now lead up to dummy's ace and queen of Diamonds on which South could discard his remaining Heart losers.

Is it possible that an expert such as Mr Oswald Jacoby could have overlooked this simple solution to the problem? Perhaps Mr Jacoby can answer this one!

"TWO BID"

Play refreshed  
Coca-Cola  
A hand holding a glass of Coca-Cola with a straw.

## From The Files 100 Years Ago

A serious fire broke out in Macao a little before midnight on Wednesday last, whereby some thirty-seven Chinese Shops, and upward of Ten thousand dollars worth of property, were totally destroyed.

It is said to have originated in the Cigar manufactory known as the Cheong-sun Shop, near King Tai's Silk store in the Bazaar, a short distance from the provision market.

The wind was fortunately moderate from the Northward at the time, otherwise it promised, we are told, to have extended to the Senate House and Gaol, in which case, with a stronger breeze, there is no knowing where it might have stopped.

Governor Guimaraens and staff, with the Military and Naval Battalions, were soon on the spot, and succeeded in subduing the flames before daylight. Our informant adds that the Shops destroyed were principally Chinaware vendors—rice stores, Bakery—Physic shops and Meat stalls.

## EUROPEAN PIRATE?

For some time past there have been rumours to the effect that a European was serving as navigator on board one of the Piratical vessels haunting the northern coast of China. The rumour has proved correct, and a man of the name of Fenton is now in custody of the Police, and, in a few days, will undergo an examination at the Police Magistrate's Office, on a charge to be preferred, we believe, by an officer of the Macao Government; it being alleged that the said Fenton was an accomplice in the assassination of Lieutenant Miranda of the Portuguese Navy and an Officer of H.F.M. armed forces, "Admiral", sometime in July last.

Fenton was brought to the Police Office by some Chinese a week ago, not as a prisoner, but that he might be received into the Government hospital for surgical treatment; the Chinese stating that they took him off the water floating on a plank the other side of the Island.

Fenton's statement of how he got there, will, of course, be received with extreme caution; and, until further clarified of its truth, we do not notice it. He admits his having for some time past been engaged on board one of the Lorches sailing under the English flag, the Chinese stating that they took him off the water floating on a plank the other side of the Island.

Knowing the hardihood with which Chinese swear to a man's criminality (and the course matters generally take in our Supreme Court) if other charges are preferred against him, as no doubt there will be, there is but little chance for Fenton to escape the extreme sentence of law, we take it; although Government no doubt, will see fit to appoint an advocate for him, as they did for that vilest of the vile, Chui-Apoo, who will use his best endeavour to mystify the Jury to make black white—and white no colour at all.

## S. CHINA REPORTS

There is much sameness in the information which our Chinese correspondents from time to time supply. We shall continue, however, to publish such intelligence as may be sent, principally with a view to keep up in the minds of residents in China the great fact that there is a rebellion in the southern provinces; and one from which there is every reason to expect important results.

The agents for those Roman Catholic Missionaries, who are in the interior, are in some fear for the safety of their brethren we hear; it being several months since any letters have been received from them. The province of Kwangsi, however, has not been a Romanist missionary field for several decades. As regards the reported burning of the three hundred timber yards it should not be treated lightly by those who are interested in timber dealing. Several months ago we told of the destruction of numerous oil mills, and it is very certain that oil has been much dearer in this market ever since. Timber too will go up after the New Year; there is no doubt of it. Our authorities, we can assure our readers, may be implicitly relied on.

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